

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

FIRST DAY.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 14, 1891.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota met in Grand Annual Communication in Masonic Hall, St. Paul, on Wednesday, Jan. 14, A. D. 1891, A. S. L. S. 5891, at 12 M.

The Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Officers present, opened a lodge of Master Masons, preparatory to the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary called the roll of lodges and reported one hundred and sixty-three represented out of one hundred and seventy-four active working lodges on the roll.

A majority of the lodges being represented, the Grand Master proceeded to open the Grand Lodge in AMPLE FORM.

Prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain.

ASSISTANT GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary announced the appointment of Bro. M. M. Clark (48) as his assistant during the session.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Master appointed the Grand Secretary and Bros. W. B. Patton (79) and J. M. D. Craft (67) as the Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Secretary having had a roll of all the members prepared in advance of the session, the same was called, members and proxies in attendance noted, and a report made within an hour. The following is the report as amended by the committee, which was continued:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Credentials report that there are present the following named Grand Officers, permanent members and representatives of lodges:

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. JACOB A. KIESTER.....	Grand Master.
R. W. ALPHONSO BARTO.....	Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. WM. F. DICKINSON.....	Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. CHAS. D. BOYCE.....	Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. J. H. THOMPSON.....	Grand Treasurer.
R. W. THOS. MONTGOMERY.....	Grand Secretary.
W. F. E. SEARLE.....	Grand Orator.
W. L. D. BOYNTON.....	Grand Chaplain.
W. H. C. SHEPARD.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. C. L. BAXTER.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. HIRAM T. KING.....	Grand Marshal.
W. CHAS. SWEETSER.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W. A. D. COUNTRYMAN.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. ELIAS LINT.....	Senior Grand Steward.
W. J. S. NELSON.....	Junior Grand Steward.
W. ALEX. D. ROSS.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W. JEAN C. FISCHER.....	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

M. W. CHAS. W. NASH.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. CHARLES GRISWOLD	Past Grand Master.
M. W. E. W. DURANT.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. HENRY R. WELLS.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. HENRY R. DENNY.....	Past Grand Master.
M. W. R. H. GOVE.....	Past Grand Master.
R. W. W. T. RIGBY.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. GEO. H. DAVIS.....	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R. W. THOMAS LOMBARD.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. SAMUEL E. ADAMS.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. EDGAR NASH.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. L. Z. ROGERS.....	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R. W. WILLIAM LEE.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. E. P. BARNUM.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. C. H. SMITH.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. ALBERT MARDEN.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R. W. GEORGE S. ACKER.....	Past Junior Grand Warden.

REPRESENTATIVES.

St. Johns, No. 1.....	Thomas C. Clark, W. M.:
	Percy B. Smith, proxy for S. W.:
	Thos. H. Warren, J. W.:
Cataract, No. 2.....	Stiles Raymond, W. M.:
	F. W. Campbell, J. W.:
St. Paul, No. 3.....	James F. Lawless, W. M.:
	Walter A. Johnson, S. W.:
	O. G. Miller, proxy for J. W.:
Hennepin, No. 4.....	John H. Randall, W. M.:
	A. Y. Davidson, proxy for S. W.:
	J. G. Houghton, J. W.:
Ancient Landmark, No. 5.....	I. B. B. Sprague, proxy for W. M.:
	A. P. Swanstrom, S. W.:
	Chas. W. Nitterauer, J. W.:
Dakota, No. 7.....	W. W. Weeks, W. M.:
	Irving Todd, proxy for S. W.:
Red Wing, No. 8.....	Henry A. Buel, W. M.:
	Chas. E. Friedrichs, S. W.:
Faribault, No. 9.....	L. Hawley, W. M.:
	H. H. Blinns, proxy for S. W.:
	W. Birch, J. W.:
Mantorville, No. 11.....	Chas. A. Miller, W. M.:
	A. A. Culver, proxy for S. W.:
Mankato, No. 12.....	Geo. W. Mead, W. M.:

Wapahasa, No. 14.....	H. M. Dugan, proxy for W.: M.: C. J. Hames, S.: W.: W. L. Lewark, J.: W.:
Monticello, No. 16.....	Henry Kreis, W.: M.:
Hokah, No. 17.....	A. J. Snure, W.: M.:
Winona, No. 18.....	H. E. Shepard, W.: M.: C. C. Clement, proxy for S.: W.: J. R. Morton, J.: W.:
Minneapolis, No. 19.....	Horace M. Myers, W.: M.: A. M. Bailey, S.: W.: C. C. Curtiss, J.: W.:
Caledonia, No. 20.....	Hudson Wheaton, W.: M.:
Rochester, No. 21.....	W. Logan Brackenridge, W.: M.: C. Van Campen, proxy for S.: W.: A. T. Stebbins, proxy for J.: W.:
Pleasant Grove, No. 22.....	W. W. Parkinson, W.: M.:
North Star, No. 23.....	J. H. Lufkin, W.: M.:
Wilton, No. 24.....	John Elmore, W.: M.:
Western Star, No. 26.....	Henry A. House, W.: M.:
Blue Earth Valley, No. 27.....	Andrew C. Dunn, W.: M.:
Clearwater, No. 28.....	W. T. Rigby, W.: M.:
Morning Star, No. 29.....	Fred Welch, S.: W.:
Anoka, No. 30.....	J. C. H. Engel, W.: M.: O. L. Cutter, proxy for S.: W.: Chas. S. Houston, J.: W.:
King Hiram, No. 31.....	Geo. B. Read, W.: M.:
Sakatah, No. 32.....	H. E. Blair, W.: M.: M. G. Kimball, proxy for S.: W.: H. G. Schulz, J.: W.:
Star in the East, No. 33.....	N. J. Schafer, W.: M.: C. W. Burdic, S.: W.:
Oriental, No. 34.....	Hiram E. Conley, W.: M.: Joseph H. Metz, S.: W.:
Mt. Moriah, No. 35.....	Henry Fieseler, W.: M.: Wm. Hodgson, proxy for S.: W.: J. L. Powers, proxy for J.: W.:
Preston, No. 36.....	W. W. Foote, proxy for lodge.
Mystic Tie, No. 37.....	W. W. Jewell, W.: M.:
Washington, No. 38.....	T. J. Dykes, W.: M.: James G. McCarthy, S.: W.:
Fidelity, No. 39.....	S. A. Emerson, W.: M.: R. E. Shepherd, J.: W.:
Carnelian, No. 40.....	W. M. McRostie, W.: M.: J. W. Kennedy, proxy for J.: W.:
Hermon, No. 41.....	C. B. Anderson, W.: M.:
Hope, No. 42.....	Robert S. Miles, W.: M.:

Harmony, No. 43.....	C. H. Neeb, W. . M. .
King Solomon, No. 44.....	H. J. Peck, W. . M. .
Union, No. 45.....	Henry D. Baxter, W. . M. .
Evergreen, No. 46.....	Not represented.
Concord, No. 47.....	Corlett Hill, W. . M. .
Social, No. 48.....	Frank L. White, W. . M. .
	M. M. Clark, proxy for S. . W. .
	F. A. Noble, proxy for J. . W. .
Rising Sun, No. 49.....	Robert A. Johnson, W. . M. .
Watertown, No. 50.....	Frank S. Coffin, W. . M. .
Acacia, No. 51.....	Irving T. Morey, W. . M. .
	Edward J. Whitbred, S. . W. .
Cannon River, No. 52.....	Fred H. Osterhout, S. . W. .
Nicollet, No. 54.....	W. H. Hall, proxy for lodge.
Zion, No. 55.....	Wyman X. Folsom, W. . M. .
	Edgar O. Ballard, S. . W. .
	Albert Berg, J. . W. .
Meridian, No. 56.....	Wm. M. Murphy, W. . M. .
Blue Earth City, No. 57.....	J. H. Sprout, W. . M. .
	G. F. Constans, S. . W. .
Spring Valley, No. 58.....	B. F. Farmer, W. . M. .
	T. O. Kilburn, J. . W. .
Temple, No. 59.....	Harry L. Merrill, W. . M. .
Star in the West, No. 60.....	George Fish, W. . M. .
	Chas. S. Allen, S. . W. .
Ashler, No. 61.....	H. E. Doty, W. . M. .
	A. F. Rockwell, S. . W. .
	F. L. Wood, J. . W. .
Star, No. 62.....	D. D. Ames, J. . W. .
Illustrious, No. 63.....	George R. Hall, W. . M. .
Chain Lake, No. 64.....	James McHench, W. . M. .
Golden Rule, No. 65.....	R. H. Sanderson, W. . M. .
Madelia, No. 66.....	John A. Clark, W. . M. .
	W. S. Hammond, proxy for S. . W. .
	J. T. Furber, proxy for J. . W. .
Corinthian, No. 67.....	J. M. D. Craft, proxy for lodge.
Mystic Star, No. 69.....	Geo. W. Rockwell, W. . M. .
Paynesville, No. 71.....	Romeo J. Tuttle, S. . W. .
Lansing, No. 72.....	F. A. Carll, S. . W. .
Brownsville, No. 73.....	E. M. Winslow, proxy for lodge.
Eureka, No. 75.....	C. A. Roy, W. . M. .
Joppa, No. 76.....	J. G. Graham, W. . M. .
Tuscan, No. 77.....	Carl H. Young, S. . W. .
Mystic Circle, No. 78.....	Wm. C. Raasig, W. . M. .
	J. Q. Briggs, proxy for S. . W. .
Palestine, No. 79.....	William B. Patton, W. . M. .
	J. E. Cooley, proxy for S. . W. .

Henderson, No. 80.....	Ernest L. Welch, W.: M.: J. D. Simpson, S.: W.:
Constellation, No. 81.....	Francis B. Van Hoesen, W.: M.:
Howard, No. 82.....	Edwin Y. Chilton, W.: M.:
Huram Abi, No. 83.....	M. Trautman, W.: M.: Samuel Lord, S.: W.: H. W. Brown, J.: W.:
Orient, No. 84.....	Taylor Robinson, W.: M.:
High Forest, No. 85.....	Frank Dean, W.: M.:
Tyrian, No. 86.....	G. W. Hall, W.: M.:
Doric, No. 87.....	D. Straw, proxy for lodge.
Golden Fleece, No. 89.....	Alex. D. Ross, W.: M.:
Good Faith, No. 90.....	Wm. V. King, W.: M.: Alex. Fiddes, proxy for S.: W.: and J.: W.:
Antiquity, No. 91.....	George Drake, W.: M.: Erastus D. French, S.: W.: M. E. Powell, proxy for J. W.:
Fraternal, No. 92.....	Wm. Cordiner, W.: M.: Chas. A. Jack, S.: W.:
Unity, No. 93.....	A. W. Gordon, M.: W.: J. E. Senn, S.: W.: C. A. Moody, J.: W.:
Keystone, No. 94.....	L. P. Larson, S.: W.:
Sherburne, No. 95.....	W. F. Chadbourne, W.: M.: Andrew Davis, S.: W.:
Libanus, No. 96.....	M. E. Mullen, W.: M.:
Prudence, No. 97.....	John Hutton, W.: M.: T. C. Collins, J.: W.:
Charity, No. 98.....	Ernest Brandt, S.: W.:
Corner Stone, No. 99.....	A. Brandenburg, W.: M.:
Aurora, No. 100.....	Wm. H. Bondy, W.: M.: B. S. Mallory, S.: W.: Thos. C. Bivins, proxy for J.: W.:
Fraternity, No. 101.....	Chas. W. Smith, W.: M.: Frank R. Durfee, S.: W.: I. P. Durfee, proxy for J.: W.:
Lebanon, No. 102.....	Not represented.
Bethel, No. 103.....	W. R. Robinson, W.: M.: O. W. Williams, S.: W.:
Sharon, No. 104.....	E. G. Bloomfield, proxy for lodge.
Mt. Tabor, No. 106.....	J. C. Furber, W.: M.: C. W. Dix, proxy for S.: W.:
Relief, No. 108.....	J. E. Getman, W.: M.: G. W. Ballard, proxy for S.: W.: F. Bey, proxy for J.: W.:

Sunset, No. 109.....	Wm. F. Dusell, W.: M.: Francis W. Sturtevant, J.: W.:
Pickwick, No. 110.....	James M. Rutherford, proxy for lodge.
Carver, No. 111.....	John S. Nelson, W.: M.:
Khurum, No. 112.....	James Elwin, W.: M.: George B. Bower, S.: W.: Geo. D. Emery, proxy for J.: W.:
Excelsior, No. 113.....	A. S. Dimon, W.: M.:
Ben. Franklin, No. 114.....	Chas. O. Hawes, W.: M.:
Elgin, No. 115.....	Ezra Dickerman, J.: W.:
Lafayette, No. 116.....	Charles Gage, W.: M.: G. W. Gray, S.: W.:
Granite, No. 117.....	M. C. Sullivan, M.: W.:
Newport, No. 118.....	J. Q. McIntosh, W.: M.: J. D. Carroll, S.: W.:
Delta, No. 119.....	M. E. Mathews, W.: M.:
Grand Meadow, No. 121.....	And. T. Golberg, S.: W.:
Kellogg, No. 122.....	M. K. Wolfe, W.: M.:
Prairie, No. 123.....	C. Treat, S.: W.:
Janesville, No. 124.....	D. J. Dodge, W.: M.: Chas. Gutfleisch, J.: W.:
Winslow Lewis, No. 125.....	George W. Savage, proxy for lodge.
Moorhead, No. 126.....	Not represented.
Josephus, No. 128.....	J. E. Brown, W.: M.:
Swift, No. 129.....	W. R. Smith, S.: W.:
Arcturus, No. 130.....	Not represented.
Alma, No. 131.....	John O. Myre, proxy for W.: M.: and S.: W.:
Humboldt, No. 132.....	H. N. Peterson, J.: W.:
Golden Sheaf, No. 133.....	Not represented.
	F. A. Hancock, W.: M.: O. C. Hanson, proxy for S.: W.:
	C. L. Brown, proxy for J.: W.:
Cokato, No. 134.....	John P. Olson, W.: M.:
Nelson, No. 135.....	Thos. Smithson, W.: M.:
Walnut, No. 136.....	Not represented.
Appleton, No. 137.....	James T. Wilkinson, W.: M.: H. C. Maxwell, S.: W.:
	A. D. Countryman, J.: W.:
Orion, No. 138.....	E. A. D. Salter, proxy for W.: M.: James H. Strong, S.: W.:
Verndale, No. 139.....	Benj. Lalone, J.: W.:
Little Falls, No. 140.....	Not represented.
Crookston, No. 141.....	Morris R. Brown, proxy for lodge.
Currie, No. 142.....	And. R. Endersbee, W.: M.:
Lakeview, No. 143.....	John McCallum, W.: M.:

Bird Island, No. 144.....	George Crowley, W.: M.: Peter M. Coles, J.: W.:
Melrose, No. 145.....	Not represented.
Benton, No. 146.....	J. R. Taylor, J.: W.:
Canby, No. 147.....	Henry Beiseker, W.: M.: C. H. Gatfield, proxy for S.: W.:
Quarry, No. 148.....	J. R. Hubbard, proxy for W.: M.: Chas. Mylius, S.: W.: E. F. Follett, J.: W.:
Guardian, No. 149.....	A. L. Brown, W.: M.: R. S. Donaldson, J.: W.:
Warren, No. 150	Not represented.
Chaska, No. 151.....	Not represented.
Frontier, No. 152.....	Louis Gewalt, W.: M.: John N. Fox, S.: W.:
Kodahya, No. 153.....	H. W. Dezotell, J.: W.:
Norman, No. 154.....	B. F. Ashelman, W.: M.:
Tracy, No. 155.....	H. M. Workman, W.: M.: W. J. Richard, S.: W.: John D. Owens, proxy for J.: W.:
Wadena, No. 156.....	John Dower, S.: W.:
Perham, No. 157.....	Chauncey L. Baxter, W.: M.:
Hector, No. 158.....	H. B. Ostrander, W.: M.:
Long Prairie, No. 159.....	E. A. Fisher, W.: M.:
Plymouth, No. 160.....	Geo. R. Chipman, W.: M.: F. Joerns, proxy for J.: W.:
Sincerity, No. 161.....	F. M. Churchill, W.: M.: W. R. Holly, S.: W.:
Prescott, No. 162.....	E. W. Snyder, W.: M.: A. C. Earlsley, proxy for S.: W.:
Summit, No. 163.....	C. F. F. Abbott, proxy for W.: M.: George L. Wilson, S.: W.: M. L. Countryman, J.: W.:
Jasper, No. 164.....	Henry J. Brinkman, W.: M.: J. D. Markham, proxy for S.: W.: Daniel McCormick, proxy for J.: W.:
Minnehaha, No. 165.....	Charles H. Lee, W.: M.:
Garnet, No. 166.....	Daniel Getty, W.: M.: James M. King, S.: W.: Simeon O. Francis, J.: W.:
Agate, No. 167.....	W. D. Cross, W.: M.:
Braden, No. 168.....	Herbert B. Farwell, W.: M.: Geo. Brookins, proxy for S.: W.:
Pierson, No. 169	Frank D. Bell, W.: M.:
Fulda, No. 170.....	Clinton Wilson, W.: M.: L. Coburn, proxy for S.: W.: and J.: W.:

Shekinah, No. 171.....	John Dale, W.: M.: George F. Dix, S.: W.: David Kribs, proxy for J.: W.:
Marietta, No. 172.....	Alex. H. Strain, W.: M.: Geo. M. Brown, proxy for S.: W.: Beecher Fream, J.: W.:
Plumb Line, No. 173	Milton K. Nelson, W.: M.:
Valley, No. 174.....	Peter Peterson, W.: M.:
Roman Eagle, No. 175.....	O. S. Melick, W.: M.: C. E. Chamberlain, J.: W.:
Ark, No. 176.....	Chas. H. Brinsmaid, W.: M.: A. Edgar Allen, S.: W.: C. D. Brumfield, J.: W.:
Rough Ashler, No. 177.....	F. G. Whitlock, J.: W.:
Anchor, No. 178.....	Wm. Dragoo, W.: M.:
King David, No. 179.....	G. B. Franklin, W.: M.:
Osakis, No. 180.....	Geo. R. Babbitt, W.: M.: Herbert A. Shedd, J.: W.:
Dalles, No. 181.....	W. A. Wright, Sr., W.: M.:
Fair Haven, No. 182.....	C. E. Kimble, W.: M.: L. H. Munger, J.: W.:
Pelican Rapids, No. 183.....	Not represented.
Shell, No. 184.....	P. D. Winship, S.: W.:
Midway, No. 185.....	Peter McCallum, W.: M.: Milton L. Bevans, S.: W.: Wm. Thos. Rich, J.: W.:
Ionic, No. 186.....	Robert E. Denfeld, W.: M.: Geo. N. La Vaque, proxy for S.: W.:
Arcana, No. 187.....	James H. Bradish, W.: M.: Geo. A. Todd, proxy for S.: W.:
Fortitude, No. 188.....	John D. Tolman, J.: W.: R. Stewart, W.: M.:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

We also report the following Grand Representatives in attendance:

M.: W.: CHARLES GRISWOLD.....	G.: Rep. of Connecticut.
M.: W.: E. W. DURANT.....	G.: Rep. of Canada.
M.: W.: H. R. DENNY.....	G.: Rep. of Delaware and Washington.
M.: W.: H. R. WELLS.....	G.: Rep. of North Dakota and Iowa.
R.: W.: E. P. BARNUM.....	G.: Rep. of Florida and Idaho.
W.: A. Y. DAVIDSON.....	G.: Rep. of Illinois.
M.: W.: R. H. GOVE.....	G.: Rep. of Indian Territory and Utah.
R.: W.: L. Z. ROGERS.....	G.: Rep. of Maine.
R.: W.: A. BARTO.....	G.: Rep. of Michigan and Cuba.

R. W. J. H. THOMPSON.....G. Rep. of New Jersey.
 M. W. J. A. KIESTER, G. Rep. of New York, Nova Scotia and Texas.
 R. W. W. T. RIGBY.....G. Rep. of Ohio.
 R. W. S. E. ADAMS.....G. Rep. of Vermont.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
 WM. B. PATTON,
 J. M. D. CRAFT,
Committee.

VISITORS.

On motion of Bro. A. D. Countryman (137) it was

Resolved, That all Master Masons in good standing be permitted to visit the Grand Lodge during the session.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14, 1891.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at three o'clock, officers and members as at opening session.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

ON ADDRESS.

Bros. W. T. Rigby (28), H. M. Myers (19), Thos. C. Clark (1).

FINANCE.

Bros. Geo. S. Acker (5), I. B. B. Sprague (5), M. C. Sullivan (117), A. Y. Davidson (4), B. F. Farmer (58).

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

Bros. H. R. Wells (36), E. W. Durant (1), Chas. Griswold (3), H. R. Denny (111), R. H. Gove (21).

ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

Bros. Chas. W. Nash, Thos. Lombard, William Lee, John Hutton (97), Daniel Getty (166).

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Bros. C. L. Brown (133), J. H. Sprout (57), J. H. Randall (4), Geo. D. Emery (112), Robt. E. Denfeld (186).

APPROPRIATIONS.

Bros. H. R. Wells (36), James F. Lawless (3), J. M. D. Craft (67).

LODGES U. S. D. S.

Bros. J. E. Getman (108), W. A. Wright (181), Chas. H. Brinsmaid (176), John Dale (171), Alex. Fiddes (90).

PAY ROLL.

Bros. J. H. Thompson (19), L. Z. Rogers (32), Geo. F. Constans (57).

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

Bros. G. B. Franklin (179), Wm. H. Hall (54).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Bros. W. X. Folsom (55), R. H. Anderson (65), Isaac P. Durfee (101).

The Grand Master then read the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

We assemble to-day in the thirty-eighth annual communication of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge. I extend to you, master builders and workmen from the quarries, a hearty greeting and most fraternal welcome.

The past year has been one of great advancement and prosperity, and we meet to-day to perform certain duties enjoined upon us by our constitution and ancient usages under the most favorable circumstances. But everywhere in life, in all ranks and grades of society, in all associations of men, and in every condition, we find good and evil, joy and sorrow, lights and shadows, strangely blended, and as I now proceed to detail to you my official acts, and the events of the year just closed you must at once learn that, notwithstanding the happiness and prosperity we have enjoyed, shadows, aye, great sorrows, have fallen across our pathway.

My first public official act, occurring immediately after the close of the last annual session of this Grand Lodge, was the sad one of interring the remains of our Past Grand Master, John H. Brown, my immediate predecessor in this office. He died January 20th last. My heart was

heavy, brethren. Less than sixty days before, we laid to rest all that was mortal of Past Grand Master Pierson, and now another of the most eminent of our members had gone hence.

Bro. John H. Brown was born in Vermont, May 1, 1824. His father died when our brother was but four years old, and his mother, soon afterward, with her five children, removed to New Hampshire. Our brother spent most of his boyhood on a farm, where he acquired much of that physical vigor and strength which so long continued with him. His education was obtained mainly in the district schools and at a select school at Manchester, N. H. He was always a student. He subsequently engaged in school teaching, and at the same time gave some attention to the study of the law. He read law in the offices of several attorneys in Manchester. He was married in 1850. In 1855 he came with his family to Minnesota and located at Shakopee, in Scott county. He was admitted to the bar at Carver, in this state, in 1856, and practiced his profession at Shakopee until 1871, except during the time of his service in the army. He was county attorney of Scott county in 1860 and 1861. In 1864 he was appointed assistant quartermaster, United States army, with rank of captain, and with headquarters at Madison, Wis., and served two years. He was again county attorney of Scott county in 1869 and 1870. In 1871 he located in Willmar, in this state. Here he established the *Willmar Republican*, of which he was editor, and conducted the paper three years, but engaged also all the time in the practice of the law. He served one term as county attorney of Kandiyohi county. In 1875 he was appointed district judge, twelfth district, and was elected in the autumn of that year for a full term, and was again elected in 1882 and in 1888, and was holding that office at the time of his death.

He possessed, in an eminent degree, what is known as "a legal mind." He was a close student and had a thorough knowledge of the law and as a judge possessed great candor, independence, self-possession, impartiality and incorruptible integrity. He was admitted to be one of the ablest jurists of our state. He was an industrious worker. "What thy hand findeth to do, do with thy might," was his practice. Bro. Brown's masonic record is a splendid one. He was made a Master Mason at Shakopee in this state in 1856, and became Worshipful Master of the lodge at that place. He was subsequently Worshipful Master of Sharon Lodge, No. 104, at Willmar. While stationed at Madison, Wis., he was exalted to the Royal Arch degree. He was High Priest of his chapter, Globe, No. 13, at Shakopee four years, and subsequently High Priest of Rabboni Chapter, No. 39, at Litchfield three years. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Minnesota in 1886.

His services in this Grand Lodge cover many years and were of great value. He was Senior Grand Deacon in 1877, and for many years was chairman of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, a position for which he was well qualified because of his eminent legal ability and

knowledge of masonic jurisprudence. He was Junior Grand Warden in 1880, Deputy Grand Master in 1886 and Grand Master in 1887 and 1888. His record was a grand one indeed. Bro. Brown was a man who despised shams and sophistries and flimsy excuses. He was always frank, strong and brave, and spoke to the point. He was a strict constructionist and believed that laws, both civil and masonic, were made to be obeyed; yet he was kind of heart, always considerate, and possessed a large share of good humor. No man was ever more highly respected by his fellow citizens or by his brethren. He fell ill in the autumn of 1888, superinduced largely by over-work. From this attack, after many months, he largely recovered and resumed his duties on the bench, but he fell sick again in January last and rapidly declined, until the early morning of the nineteenth the final summons came, which none can disobey.

He was buried with the honors of Masonry, under the auspices of this Grand Lodge, on the twenty-fourth day of January last, in Fairview Cemetery, near Willmar. All business in that city was suspended during the day, and, although the day was very cold and stormy, the largest procession, consisting of the brethren and friends of the deceased, ever seen in that portion of the state accompanied the remains to "the city of the dead."

"Rest at last,
Repose complete, eternal;
Love, rest, and home."

On the tenth day of November last, at high twelve, Caleb H. Benton, another of our Past Grand Masters, departed this mortal life at Minneapolis. The announcement came to me suddenly by telegram a few moments later. No death ever so shocked and startled me. And now another, and who next? was the involuntary exclamation that came from the heart. I present you a brief sketch of our distinguished brother's life and services.

He was a native of Vermont, where he was born in 1841. In 1860 he entered the University of Vermont, and the next year, 1861, enlisted in the military service, Fifth Vermont Volunteers. He was promoted to adjutant and was mustered out in September, 1863. He entered the Albany Law School, from which he graduated in 1866, and commenced the practice of the law at Troy, Vt. He was married to Miss Hadley, who died in 1869. In 1871 Bro. Benton came to Minnesota and located at Minneapolis, where he continued to reside until his death. Here he was again married, but this wife also died some years ago. He devoted his life to the practice of his profession, and became one of the most eminent lawyers of the state. He had indeed but few if any superiors in the profession. He was made a Master Mason in February, 1865, in Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 8, Vermont. Here, he became a member of Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, of which he was Worshipful Master in 1876, 1877 and 1879. He was a Royal Arch Mason, exalted in St.

Anthony Falls Chapter, No. 3, and was High Priest in 1880 and 1881. He received the Cryptic degrees in Council No. 5, and was knighted in Darius Commandery, No. 7, K. T. U., and was twice Eminent Commander. He was also a Scottish Rite Mason, Southern Jurisdiction, and was coroneted Inspector General Honorary (33°) in 1883, and received the Royal Order of Scotland in 1887.

His services to the Grand Lodge cover a long period, and of the value of those services it is not necessary for me to speak here. For many years he has been on the Committee of Masonic Jurisprudence, where his services were indispensable, and on important special committees. He was Senior Grand Warden in 1878, Deputy Grand Master in 1879 and 1880, and Grand Master in 1882 and 1883. Bro. Benton had traveled extensively in foreign countries, where he had made the acquaintance of many distinguished men and Masons.

His burial occurred on the fourteenth day of November last. Owing to illness I was unable to attend the funeral, but directed the Grand Lodge to be immediately summoned to conduct the funeral services.

On the morning of the fourteenth the remains were borne to masonic hall in the temple, where they were attended by a guard of honor, and hundreds came to look the last time upon the face of our deceased brother.

At 12:30 an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was opened by our Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Barto, acting as Grand Master, and assisted by many other Grand Officers, and at 1 o'clock P. M. the procession was formed and proceeded with the body to Plymouth church, where religious services were conducted by the Rev. C. F. Thwing, after which the solemn ceremonies of our fraternity were performed by our Grand Lodge. The remains were interred in Lakewood Cemetery.

The funeral was largely attended by all classes of people, thus attesting their respect and love for a true brother and an eminent citizen.

Of him we can well say with the poet:

"Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won."

But his place left vacant here who can fill it? Brethren, that sorrow should fill our hearts is not strange. In less than a twelvemonth three of our Past Grand Masters have gone hence—three of the most eminent craftsmen our jurisdiction has ever had, or, I may well add, ever shall have—Bros. Pierson, Brown and Benton; and of the fifteen Grand Masters who have presided over our jurisdiction, seven now are sleeping in their graves. The craft could have spared some others of us much better than these, our counselors and guides in all difficulties, but it is an old truth that death loves a shining mark, is no respecter of persons, and that

"The tall, the wise, the reverend head
Must lie as low as ours."

But our sad record of those connected with this Grand Lodge, who have passed forever from mortal sight during the past year, is not yet complete.

In March last Bro. Geo. W. Lamson of this city, Past Grand Orator, died. Bro. Lamson was a native of Michigan. From 1850 to 1860 he was connected with the United States lake surveys. In 1861 he removed to Yankton, D. T., where he was assistant surveyor general of the territory, and remained there two years. In 1865 he went to Boston, where he remained until 1869, when he returned to Detroit, Mich., and entered the custom house office, where he remained until the spring of 1875, when he located in St. Paul. Here he engaged for many years in the insurance and other business. He was made a Mason in Michigan. On coming to this state he affiliated with Ancient Landmark of this city and became Worshipful Master in 1882. He was exalted in Minnesota Royal Arch Chapter in 1878, and was High Priest in 1884. He was a member of Damascus Commandery, and was its Eminent Commander in 1885. He had also attained the eighteenth degree in the A. A. S. Rite. He frequently appeared in this Grand Lodge and rendered valuable services on various committees. He held the office of Junior Grand Steward in 1885, and was Grand Orator in 1886. His oration delivered before the Grand Lodge was a masterly production and highly creditable to him. It was much commended and quoted from for some years after by writers on fraternal correspondence throughout the country. His funeral obsequies were conducted by Ancient Landmark Lodge and Damascus Commandery, March 18th, when his remains were taken in charge by a committee of the brethren and conveyed to Detroit, Mich., where they were interred.

It was well said of him, that "he was scrupulously faithful and conscientious in the performance of every duty and endeared himself to the members of his profession and all others with whom he came in contact." His loyalty to his friends and business associates was unquestioned, and because of his unswerving integrity, with him "to know the right was to do it." And these are the qualities of a true man and Mason, and such was he.

"Friend of our by-gone days;
None knew thee but to love thee,
None named thee but to praise."

Bro. Frederick Joss, a name familiar for many years in this Grand Lodge, died at Red Wing in April last. Bro. Joss was born in Antwerp, Belgium, in 1833. He came with his parents, when a child, to America and became a resident of St. Joseph county, Michigan. In 1856 he located in Red Wing, in this state, where he has ever since resided. He engaged in various pursuits, and a year before his death was appointed one of the justices of the peace of his city. Bro. Joss was made a Mason in Siloam Lodge, Michigan, and was passed and raised in old Red Wing Lodge, No. 8, in this state, in 1858. He loved Masonry and was a great proficient

in every grade of the order, and held many official positions. He was Worshipful Master of his lodge in 1862 and 1864, 1870, 1871 and 1872. He was also a Royal Arch Mason and a member of Tyrian Council, No. 4, Royal and Select Masters, and of Red Wing Commandery, Knights Templar, and had attained the 32° in the A. : A. : S. : Rite, Southern Jurisdiction. His services in this Grand Lodge date back many years. He was Junior Grand Warden in 1870, and thus became a permanent member of the Grand Lodge. I may say to you, my older brethren, who knew our brother so well, and will appreciate this utterance, that he was a good man in all the relations of life, a Christian and a Mason in faith and practice, and that while we shall hear his prompt and frank response to the calling of the grand roll here no more forever, we know that he has gone to answer a summons from the Grand Lodge above and will appear there at the calling of that grander roll—"the book of life"—wherein are written the names of the just and the true of all ages and nations.

Bro. Joss was buried at Red Wing, April 6th last, under the auspices of Red Wing Lodge, escorted by Red Wing Commandery, Knights Templar.

At a late hour we have received official information of the death of the following distinguished brethren, our Representatives near their respective Grand Lodges: Past Grand Master Ellwood E. Thorne of New York, who died on the 2d instant. "He was a man of unquestioned ability, strong and sincere in his friendships, and zealous in his attachment to the Fraternity." Alex. G. Abell, Grand Secretary of California, who died December 28th, 1890, and Thos. W. Chandler of Georgia. We also have notice of the death of Benj. F. Haller, Grand Master of Masons of Tennessee and General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Commander K. : T. : , Past Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters and Honorary 33° of the Scottish Rite, who died April 4th last, aged 54 years, and Hiram Bassett, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary of Kentucky, Past Grand High Priest, Past Grand Master of the Cryptic Rite, Past Grand Commander K. : T. : , and at the time of his death, Nov. 6, 1890, Grand Master of the Third Vail in the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

But, brethren, we mourn not the loved and the lost without hope. Masonry has always taught the doctrines of the resurrection and the immortality of the soul. And so teaches also the Divine Oracles—the Book of the Law always open upon our altars and which we receive as the rule and guide of our faith. Our immortality, begun here, is a part of our faith and belief, inborn in our conscious existence. It is, therefore, not presumptuous in us to say that the dead to earth still live, that we shall still live when our bodies are dust, and, perhaps, to meet again those that have gone before. Grief for the departed may not always be wise; we know so little about them. We know not what great work the Supreme Grand Master may have to do for those whom he has called from us. We

can only submit. Experience has taught us all, that on all sides our vision is limited,—we but see through a glass darkly,—that our knowledge is little and uncertain about most things, at best; that we are surrounded with mysteries which we cannot solve. The sphinx sits everywhere. The mystery of our life itself, the mystery of death, of good and evil, of nature and Providence, we shall never solve here. We can but stand in awe and silence, and wait. But we can entertain a hope—it is more than a hope; it must be true—that, when freed from mortality, the incumbrance of the earthly with its imperfections, its weaknesses, its limitations on every hand, and that higher, wider, more perfect and spiritual existence, expected by all, has been attained, our eyes shall be opened and we shall see, our faculties unbound, and we shall be able to know and to understand.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The several lodges chartered at our last annual communication were formally constituted and their officers installed, by the brethren here named, acting by authority of the Grand Master, as follows:

Ionic, January 27th, by Bro. J. E. Cooley; Arcana, January 27th, by Bro. W. P. Roberts; Pelican Rapids, January 29th, by Bro. A. Brandenburg; Fortitude, February 5th, by Bro. J. E. Cooley; Shell, February 6th, by Bro. T. C. Bivins; Fair Haven, February 10th, by Bro. W. T. Rigby; Midway, February 14th, by Bro. T. Montgomery.

DISPENSATIONS FOR NEW LODGES GRANTED.

During the recess I granted dispensations to open new lodges at the localities named:

Wheaton, Traverse county, February 1st last; Merriam Park, Ramsey county, March 7th; South St. Paul, Dakota county, April 8th; New London, Kandiyohi county, April 8th; Amboy, Blue Earth county, April 19th; Canton, Fillmore county, June 9th; Renville, Renville county, June 16th; Madison, Lac qui Parle county, July 29th; Tower, St. Louis county, August 30th; Springfield, Brown county, September 5th; West Duluth, St. Louis county, October 17th; Witoka, Winona county, November 25th; Slayton, Murray county, December 12th.

EDICTS, SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS, ETC.

In February last, it being represented to me by the Worshipful Master of Ark Lodge that a person who had been elected to receive the degrees, had, before receiving any of them, been called from home and remained absent more than six months, and that by the by-laws of the lodge, the fees deposited were forfeited, and that the applicant had returned, and that it was now the desire of the members of the lodge to return the fees, but that they could not do so under the by-laws, I therefore granted a special dispensation waiving and dispensing with the by-laws in this respect and authorized the return of the fees.

In April last I issued a special dispensation to Summit Lodge, No. 163, waiving and dispensing with any by-law of said lodge to the contrary, to pass and raise more than five brethren at the same communication, the necessities of the case seeming to require this authority.

On request, I gave my sanction during the year to three several lodges to remove from their former to new places of meeting.

I declined to grant two applications by lodges, to appear as such in public and take part in Decoration day services.

I declined to grant a dispensation to a lodge in a distant county to receive the petition of a resident of Minneapolis for the degrees, and I declined to grant dispensation, in two very urgent cases, to receive the petitions for the degrees of persons who had not resided the requisite time within their several jurisdictions.

On May 7th last, I issued, on an application, a dispensation to Delta Lodge, No. 119, to elect and install a Senior Warden, a vacancy existing in the office.

On the nineteenth of May last I issued an authority to Golden Sheaf Lodge, No. 133, which had lost its charter by fire, to continue its meetings and work until this session of the Grand Lodge.

On May 21st I granted a special dispensation to Bethel Lodge, No. 103, to appear in public as a lodge, and attired as Masons, on the occasion of the observance of the festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24th, this being a strictly masonic purpose.

In June last I granted a special dispensation to Spring Valley Lodge, No. 58, to hold a public reception, with appropriate literary and musical exercises, as an observance of the festival of St. John the Baptist.

In July last I received a very kindly expressed request to examine the character and standing of a masonic insurance company, and if satisfied therewith in all respects, to give my official indorsement and recommendation of the association. Though entirely satisfied with the soundness of the institution, its beneficial purposes and honorable management, and knowing also of several instances in which such recommendations had been accorded by Grand Masters to like societies, I felt it to be my duty to decline to give any official recognition or recommendation of this or like associations, for the reason that though conducted by Masons and confined to Masons in their membership, they are but private business enterprises, in no way controlled by or amenable to the fraternity as such, or any administrative officer thereof, and in no way coming within the official purview of the Grand Master, or of this or any other Grand Body.

In August last I appointed Bro. Christian Johnson, Worshipful Master of Crow River Lodge, U. : D. : , to fill a vacancy occasioned by the removal of Bro. Pratt, Worshipful Master. The Senior Warden might have acted in this case as in a chartered lodge, but the lodge being under dispensation, existing by authority of the Grand Master and under his special supervision, it was competent also for the Grand Master to appoint.

On August 8th last I issued a special dispensation to Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57, to hold a special communication on due notice, to transact certain urgent business.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

I have during the year examined and approved the by-laws of the following lodges:

Marietta, No. 172, January 30th; Pelican Rapids, No. 183, February 12th; Eureka, No. 75, February 12th; Arcana, No. 187, February 15th; Fortitude, No. 188, February 21st; Ancient Landmark, No. 5, March 5th; Shell, No. 184, April 8th; Ionic, No. 186, April 22d; St. Paul, No. 3, April 22d; Braden, No. 168, May 3d; St. Johns, No. 1, May 8th; Tracy, No. 155, May 16th; Tuscan, No. 77, May 19th; Midway, No. 185, May 23d.

Also, amendments to the by-laws of the following lodges:

Western Star, No. 26, February 5th; Humboldt, No. 132, March 1st; Western Star, No. 26, March 7th; Moorhead, No. 126, May 1st; Spring Valley, No. 58, May 5th; Plymouth, No. 160, May 23d; Spring Valley, No. 58 (two), August 26th; Monticello, No. 16, December 27th.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Nothing has arisen during the year to mar the fraternal and amicable relations which have existed for many years past between us and other Grand Lodges. Masonry throughout the world seems to be in a very prosperous condition, except that in some jurisdictions elements of discord and danger have appeared, which time, proper action and firmness, however, will ultimately expel. I am a little inclined, brethren, to boast of our progress and prosperity as a Grand Jurisdiction. I present you a few solid figures, showing our relative standing to other American Grand Jurisdictions. My statistics are those of 1889. Those for 1890 have not yet appeared, but the results will be substantially the same.

Of the fifty-six American Grand Jurisdictions, which number includes, of course, the great masonic jurisdictions of New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts and Michigan, only fifteen have a greater average membership to each lodge than we, and only three of them have any lodges possessing a greater number of members than either Minneapolis, No. 19, or Ancient Landmark, No. 5. Only nine, even including those great jurisdictions, made a greater actual or numerical net gain in membership than we, and but ten had a larger per cent of net gain. Only sixteen of the fifty-six initiated, passed and raised more applicants than we, and now, as indicating the financial standing and moral tone of our jurisdiction, I present the facts that twenty-five of the fifty-six jurisdictions struck from the roll or suspended for non-payment of dues, more than we were compelled to do, and lastly, of our membership of nearly 12,000, only thirteen were suspended or expelled for masonic offenses, and to this I may add, that during the past year no

Master or lodge has been suspended, and no charter of a lodge has been forfeited or arrested. And all this may now be supplemented by the statement, that one of the ablest and most venerable of the writers on fraternal correspondence, on reviewing the proceedings of our last session, pays us this high compliment: "Minnesota is young in years, but old in wisdom."

I have during the year appointed and commissioned the following named brethren our representatives near their respective Grand Lodges: Homer J. Allen, Nebraska; William A. Bentley, North Dakota; Juan Miguel Ferrer, Cuba; John S. Denton, New York; E. H. Reed, Georgia.

The following named brethren have been commissioned the representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions named, near our Grand Lodge: Henry R. Wells, North Dakota; Alphonso Barto, Cuba; J. A. Kiester, New York; A. Y. Davidson, Illinois.

DEDICATIONS.

An emergent communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Duluth on the twenty-fifth day of June last, for the purpose of the formal dedication of the hall of Palestine Lodge, No. 79, in the masonic temple in that city. The ceremonies of dedication were performed in the afternoon of that day. I was assisted on this occasion by Bros. Geo. N. La Vaque, as Deputy Grand Master; J. E. Cooley, as Senior Grand Warden; John La Vaque, as Junior Grand Warden; Henry Birkit, as Grand Treasurer; Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary; F. E. Searle, Grand Orator; Rev. L. D. Boynton, Grand Chaplain; H. C. Shepard, Senior Grand Deacon; C. L. Baxter, Junior Grand Deacon; J. E. West, as Grand Marshal; Charles Sweetser, Grand Standard Bearer, and other brethren. A splendid escort to the Grand Lodge was, on my invitation, furnished by the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar, Bro. A. Z. Levering.

On the twentieth day of November last, in the evening, the hall in the Masonic Temple at Minneapolis, occupied by a number of the craft lodges in that city, was formally dedicated and set apart to masonic uses by the Grand Lodge. Here I was assisted in the performance of the solemn ceremonies of dedication by Bros. J. A. Schlener, as Deputy Grand Master; W. F. Dickinson, Senior Grand Warden; C. D. Boyce, Junior Grand Warden; J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer; Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary; C. C. Curtis, as Grand Orator; Rev. L. D. Boynton, Grand Chaplain; H. T. King, Grand Marshal; G. C. Farnham, as Senior Grand Deacon; J. G. McFarlane, as Junior Grand Deacon; G. E. Warner, as Senior Grand Steward; J. S. Nelson, Junior Grand Steward; and other brethren. Here, also, R. E. Grand Commander Levering provided an escort to the Grand Lodge, and it is with pleasure I now tender to the brethren of the temple our thanks for the fraternal and courteous services rendered by them on these several occasions.

On the evening of December 5th last the new hall of Grand Meadow Lodge, No. 121, at Grand Meadow, was formally dedicated. On this occasion I was assisted by Bros. H. R. Wells, Past Grand Master, as Deputy Grand Master; B. F. Farmer, as Senior Grand Warden; C. L. West, as Junior Grand Warden; C. F. Greening, as Grand Treasurer; A. Requa, as Grand Secretary; N. Kingsley, as Grand Orator; Rev. L. D. Boynton, Grand Chaplain; G. W. Day, as Senior Grand Deacon; Wm. Brown, as Junior Grand Deacon; M. O. Wilsie, as Grand Marshal; Elias Lint, Senior Grand Steward; and other brethren.

Following the dedicatory ceremonies proper, eloquent and instructive addresses were given by Bros. N. Kingsley, Past Grand Master Wells and L. D. Boynton, after which a splendid banquet, set out in the city hall, was partaken of by hundreds of the brethren and invited guests, and all this was then supplemented by a literary and musical entertainment, provided by the brethren, of such beauty and excellence, not soon to be forgotten by those present.

INVASION OF JURISDICTION.

Several instances of the invasion of the territory of neighboring lodges have occurred during the year. On examining the facts in one of these cases, and believing the circumstances clearly warranted it, I ordered the trespassing lodge to pay over the fees received by it for conferring the degrees to the lodge whose material had been used, or, in other words, whose jurisdiction had been invaded. This is the penalty established by usage, and in some jurisdictions by enactment, though much severer penalties are sometimes adjudged.

In another instance I was assured that the matter would at once be adjusted by amicable arrangement, but no report has been received by me that the adjustment has yet taken place. In still another case further investigation is necessary before a proper judgment can be rendered.

Lodges should be very careful not to invade each other's jurisdictions, and to do so knowingly, even carelessly, has always been deemed discourteous and unfraternal, a violation of serious obligations, and as manifesting great contempt for our regulations. Peace, harmony and good will cannot long exist among our lodges unless our rules in reference to this matter are strictly obeyed. Even among the Grand Lodges cases of invasion of jurisdiction have arisen, creating much bitter feeling. As some brethren have suggested certain excuses in some cases, I may restate our law on the subject. The jurisdiction of each subordinate lodge, except where concurrent jurisdiction exists, as in the cities, extends one-half the distance *in an air line* from the exact location of the lodge hall or room to the neighboring lodges in every direction. Not the boundaries of towns or villages or incorporations, but the exact territorial location of the lodge rooms govern. The distance is by air line, not by roads, common or rail, nor is the question affected in any way by convenience of access, or by the trading point or post office of an applicant.

Where the sectional system of public surveys exist, as with us, it is not difficult, generally, to determine these questions of territorial jurisdiction.

GRAND LODGE LIBRARY.

In pursuance of the resolutions and the small appropriation made at the last session, we have our Grand Lodge library established and arranged to some extent. Our Right Worshipful Grand Secretary, in whose care it is placed, is entitled to much commendation for his labors in reference to the library. Books have been classed and catalogued to some extent. Missing numbers of broken series have been procured, Grand Lodge proceedings bound, and additional cases and shelves provided. Of the appropriation of one hundred dollars for binding, etc., a small surplus remained, which I took the liberty of instructing the Secretary to invest in a number of standard masonic books, principally of an historical character, to be added to the library.

And now I have the pleasure of reporting to you, in connection with this subject, a most generous and noble act, and one which you will appreciate at its true worth. The recommendations of the Committee on Library, made at the last session of the Grand Lodge, that the masonic library of Bro. Pierson be purchased, and the trustees authorized to purchase the same, were communicated to Mrs. Pierson, and she was fully informed that she would be paid for the library its full value as might be agreed upon. But, with that kindly solicitude for the welfare of the Grand Lodge, manifested by her from its first organization, and her noble generosity toward it, she firmly declined to consider these matters, and simply said that she could not forget the generosity of the Grand Lodge toward her, nor the fact that the Grand Lodge was the proper custodian of the library, and that, if Bro. Pierson could now speak to us, he would so declare, and she, therefore, had determined to present the library to the Grand Lodge, and ask its acceptance as a gift, which she did. And I did accept this noble gift, in the most fitting terms I could master, in behalf of the Grand Lodge and the whole fraternity in our state, assuring her also that a more authoritative and fuller acknowledgment would be accorded her by the Grand Lodge at this communication, and which you, brethren, will not fail to express. Bro. Pierson's library contained many rare and valuable works, and adds very greatly to the value, usefulness and size of our library.

I have but a word more to add on this subject, as our Grand Secretary will report further and in more detail to you. With little labor and expense, we already have a library of which we need not be ashamed, but it needs still much to complete and perfect it. Let it be taken care of and be added to, not extravagantly or in haste, but by small appropriations from time to time. Brethren should be invited to make contributions of books, charts, manuscripts, pamphlets, etc., relating to the art and science of Freemasonry, and we shall soon have reason to be proud of our

library and can face the world with the declaration that Masonry as found and practiced in Minnesota is intelligent Masonry and worthy of the patronage of men of learning and culture. And as further promoting this grand consummation every constituent lodge in the jurisdiction should possess a small library, at least (and no matter how large), of standard masonic works, those especially relating to the history, philosophy, symbolism, moral teaching and jurisprudence of the fraternity.

As early as nearly twenty years ago this Grand Lodge adopted a resolution recommending to lodges the importance of procuring libraries, and I am happy to say that many of our lodges now have libraries, and some of which are of much value.

We do not now, and are determined for the future not to take, a second class place among the Grand Masonic Jurisdictions of the world in anything relating to pure, intelligent and efficient Masonry. And in all this the Grand Commandery K. : T. : and the Grand Chapter R. : A. : M. : have, by resolution of the several Grand Bodies, joined hands with us during the year. I close the consideration of this subject by recommending the appropriation for the current year of one hundred dollars for binding of unbound volumes on hand and to be received during the year, and other incidental expenses of the library, and one hundred dollars to procure additional masonic works, all to be expended, as heretofore, by the Grand Secretary, and reported thereafter.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

In my last annual address I called your attention to the fact that the district deputy system as established in this jurisdiction fails to accomplish the purposes of its institution, and that some action on this matter is imperatively necessary. I shall not repeat what was there said. My recommendation was merely in the nature of an experiment, if nothing better could be offered within our reach. The whole matter was referred to a committee, who had not then time to properly consider the subject, and were given time until this communication to report. What report, if any, they may make, I am not advised. The interests of the fraternity require that we shall have a Grand Lecturer, who can devote his whole time to the duties of his office, provided that we are able to bear the expense.

Much might be said upon this subject, but which I shall not attempt to say here, except that I may suggest that, as our affairs are now situated, if such offices should be instituted, much relief in some respects will be afforded to the Grand Masters of the jurisdiction; a much needed relief, for I can assure you, brethren, that, unless some such relief is provided, you shall have to select brethren to fill this high office who can devote the greater part of their time to the performance of its duties. And the time has long gone by since the Grand Secretary could render any assistance or attend to anything outside of his legitimate duties as Secretary or should be expected to do so.

SUNDRY AFFAIRS.

At the last communication certain resolutions were adopted in reference to the Grand Secretary's office, the Grand Lodge Register, the record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and the writing up of these important records.

As these subjects will be reported upon fully by our Grand Secretary, with certain suggestions and recommendations, which I approve, it is not necessary that I make any further allusion to them here.

I may, however, report to you that our finances are in excellent condition—that no unnecessary expenses have been incurred during the year, and that there are no outstanding liabilities against us—we are square with all the world.

RULINGS.

I have during the year, as is usual, made a large number of rulings on questions of masonic law arising among the lodges, most of which were restatements and explanations of various decisions and regulations existing in our jurisdiction, and need not be repeated here.

Several of my rulings, however, as they relate to subjects on which no definite utterances have been made in this jurisdiction, I deem expedient to lay before you.

First—On an application by some good brethren for an opinion as to the propriety of using representations of masonic symbols in connection with business purposes and advertisements, I ruled that the use of our symbols, emblems and hieroglyphics as, or on signs, or on, or in connection with, advertisements and the like, pertaining to matters of private business, is reprehensible.

Our emblems, symbols, characters and hieroglyphics are used to teach great moral truths and have peculiar and almost sacred, and some of them largely esoteric, significations, and the use of them in connection with private or public business affairs is derogatory to their high purposes, partakes of the mercenary, tends to their degradation, and should not be tolerated.

Second—The Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 4 wrote me that a gentleman, in every respect eligible, desired to apply for the degrees in Masonry, but had inquired whether, if any covenant or obligation in the nature of an oath were required, he could be permitted to take, instead, an affirmation. The Worshipful Master requested instructions. I gave him substantially the following answer, more fully stated, however, here than in my reply:

1. That Masonry possessed certain fixed principles, forms, rites and ceremonies that are immutable, and that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations therein.
2. That the O. . B. . in each degree is symbolic in character, and as such has certain peculiar significations, and partakes of the nature and

possesses the force of a landmark, and cannot be omitted or changed in form, and that no one has the power to grant a dispensation permitting any change or omission, and the substitution of an affirmation or other promise or form of covenant in its stead, and that no form of affirmation is prescribed or permitted or known in the rituals or elsewhere in Masonry.

3. That Masonry is a peculiar institution and does not seek members of any grade or rank or qualifications, and does not change or modify its principles, rites or forms, which must always remain the same for all, to meet the views of any applicant for initiation, but all comers must conform to the established regulations or remain out of the fraternity.

Third—In a case arising in Lodge No. 80, I ruled that a dimit, granted to a brother who is at the time Senior Warden, is illegal and void, and does not operate to annul or sever his membership, but that he continues a member of the lodge and liable for lodge dues.

Fourth—I advised, in a case presented by a Worshipful Master, that a traveling or other man, who has no home or place of residence, is not eligible for the degrees in Masonry under our rules. That our regulations, which require an actual residence and domicile for at least one year within the jurisdiction of the lodge to which he applies, means, in effect, that one who has no fixed or actual place of residence or domicile is not eligible for the degrees anywhere.

AN EVIL BESETTING US.

For some years there have been used in this jurisdiction certain rituals written in cipher, falsely claimed to be the true work and lectures of this jurisdiction. At the last communication I reported a decision, which was approved by the Grand Lodge, in substance, condemning these cipher monitors, and that their publication and use were unauthorized, unmasonic and a violation of a Mason's O. T. B. T. I do not care to state here to what an extent the use of these books had grown in various localities and the evil resulting therefrom. I am happy to report that the evil has greatly abated during the last year, as I am informed by District Deputies and others in various parts of our jurisdiction. And our own jurisdiction is not the only one which has suffered from this evil—there are many others where the evil exists. The brethren have fallen into the use of these books thoughtlessly in a great measure. As a rule they have not intentionally or knowingly or wittingly violated their covenants. Yet all are not so excusable, and none being clearly and distinctly informed, can claim any further excuse. But a few years ago the use of such books was unheard of, and an old and properly instructed Mason would look with astonishment on the smallest use of such works, would be surprised indeed that they had an existence, and his condemnation would be swift and severe. Masonry, brethren, has not changed, nor has its former rules and methods been abolished. This evil has

been imposed upon the fraternity by cupidity and ignorance, not approved or permitted by it, and it is high time that it be repudiated and cast off. It was never the design that that which with us is esoteric should ever be committed to writing or printing. And you know with what particularity and repetition the interdict is expressed. Esoteric Masonry was designed to be transmitted by oral communication only. The evils of book Masonry, properly so called, indeed are many. Flippancy and superficiality take the place of thought and understanding, the mental cultivation is practically lost, and one of the first impressions acquired by the initiate is one of contempt for that which is learned and may be carried in the pocket instead of the head and the heart, and in evident violation of the very first instructions to the initiate. But this is not all; the older brethren, who have learned Masonry as it should be learned, are by these parrot ritualists and lightning repeaters set aside and ignored, shelved with contempt. Finally, what becomes of our esoteric knowledge as a test and proof of our genuineness as Masons; what protection have we from imposition when the safeguard, the test itself, may be obtained, read and used by anyone possessing a little ingenuity and cheek. Masters of lodges should discountenance this evil, and when willfully persisted in, the offenders must be disciplined, for it cannot be tolerated, without great injury to the fraternity.

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

I am strongly impressed with the thought that, before closing this message, I should address a few fraternal words to Worshipful Masters of lodges. I would have you realize, worshipful brethren, that your office is the most important one, practically, in Masonry. It existed before that of Grand Masters or Grand Lodges, as Masonry is now constituted, and is as old as Masonry itself, and on no other office depends so much the character of the lodge and the usefulness and prosperity of Masonry. It is an office, indeed, of great dignity, because of the authority inherent in it by our constitution and immemorial usages. The Worshipful Master is not the servant or paid agent of the lodge, but its Master, whose duty it is "to rule and govern the lodge," and his orders, even if kings are of the craft and present, must be obeyed. He is amenable to no one for his acts but to the Grand Lodge or Grand Master. It is an office the high functions of which a George Washington, a Benjamin Franklin, and many other illustrious men in every country, have not deemed it derogatory to their dignity to exercise. It is not only an office of dignity because of these considerations, but also of honor, because of the compliment to the ability and personal character of this officer implied in his election, from the fact that preferment among Masons is based, as declared in the ancient charges, on personal worth and merit only, and every Mason knows that when a brother can say that he holds or has held the office of Master of a lodge it implies a compliment to his men-

tal capacity and personal character. It is a great trust that is placed in his care. He occupies the east, the place of light, and it is his duty, not only to rule and govern, but to dispense light to the brethren, to afford instruction in the great principles of the oldest, the strongest and most beneficent of human societies, and to be an exemplar in the daily conduct of life, the trusted friend and counselor of the brethren. And while it cannot be expected that a Worshipful Master will be entirely faultless, yet it is very apparent that he should be such a man as he has covenanted to be—a good man and true, one who strictly obeys the moral law, works diligently, lives creditably, and deals honestly by all men—discreet, a lover of peace and good order, and a reputable citizen. As the Master is, so, in a large measure, will be his lodge, and the lodge and Masonry are judged by the world by those who hold its high official positions. On you, worshipful brethren, and your successors, more than on anything else, depends the future of Masonry in our jurisdiction for all time to come. And, worshipful brethren, while you may not magnify yourselves you may magnify your office, and fully appreciating it yourselves,—its dignity, honor, responsibility,—you may be the better able to fill its high functions, and, ever standing firmly by the ancient landmarks, studying carefully the ancient charges, respecting the old constitutions and time honored usages of the fraternity, there need be no fears of failure.

Brethren, in retiring from the high position of Grand Master, I wish briefly, but most sincerely, to thank you for the many honors you have conferred upon me from time to time. I have most profoundly appreciated these honors, and have sought, to the utmost of my ability, to be worthy of them, and I retire with the consciousness that if not in everything, yet in most things, my official services have met your approval, and for this I also thank you.

J. A. KESTER,
Grand Master.

The address was referred to the Committee on Address for subdivision and reference.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Secretary read the following report :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

I have the honor to submit, for the information of the Grand Lodge, my second annual report as your Grand Secretary.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Before the adjournment of the last session, I secured the signatures of the Grand Officers to the seven charters which were granted, viz.:

Fair Haven Lodge, No. 182, at Fair Haven, Wright county.

Pelican Rapids Lodge, No. 183, at Pelican Rapids, Otter Tail county.

Shell Lodge, No. 184, at Park Rapids, Hubbard county.

Midway Lodge, No. 185, at Hamline, Ramsey county.

Ionic Lodge, No. 186, at Duluth, St. Louis county.

Arcana Lodge, No. 187, at Minneapolis, Hennepin county.

Fortitude Lodge, No. 188, at Two Harbors, Lake county.

These lodges were all constituted within a month after the close of the session by past masters appointed by the Grand Master, due reports of which were made to me and placed on file, the usual requirements having been complied with and fees paid in each case.

My official bond for the sum of \$5,000 was executed with approved sureties, and placed in the hands of the Grand Master immediately after the close of the session.

PROCEEDINGS.

Eleven hundred copies of the proceedings of the last session were printed by the Pioneer Press Company of this city, and about eight hundred copies given the usual distribution as soon as practicable after the close of the session. The three copies sent to each lodge are for reference and use, one for the lodge library, and one each for the use during their term of office, of the Master and Secretary.

DISPENSATIONS.

By order of the Grand Master, dispensations for the formation of new lodges were issued as follows, the fee of twenty dollars being paid me in each case.

Traverse Lodge, U. : D. :, at Wheaton, Traverse county, Feb. 1, 1890.

Twin Cite Lodge, U. : D. :, at Merriam Park, Ramsey county, March 7, 1890.

Mizpah Lodge, U. : D. :, at South St. Paul, Dakota county, April 8, 1890.

Crow River Lodge, U. : D. :, at New London, Kandiyohi county, April 8, 1890.

Amboy Lodge, U. : D. :, at Amboy, Blue Earth county, April 19, 1890.

Canton Lodge, U. : D. :, at Canton, Fillmore county, June 9, 1890.

Renville Lodge, U. : D. :, at Renville, Renville county, June 16, 1890.

Geneva Lodge, U. : D. :, at Madison, Lac qui Parle county, July 29, 1890.

Vermillion Lodge, U. : D. :, at Tower, St. Louis county, Aug. 30, 1890.

Zenith Lodge, U. : D. :, at Springfield, Brown county, Sept. 5, 1890.

West Duluth Lodge, U. : D. : at West Duluth, St. Louis county, Oct. 17, 1890.

Witoka Lodge, U. : D. :, at Witoka, Winona county, Nov. 25, 1890.

Slayton Lodge, U. : D. :, at Slayton, Murray county, Dec. 12, 1890.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

By order of the Grand Master, thirty-three commissions were issued January 30th, to the several worshipful brethren named by him as District Deputy Grand Masters, and their several districts and duties defined.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

I, also, by his order, issued commissions to the following named Grand Representatives of our Grand Lodge near their respective Grand Lodges:

- May 27, 1890, to Homer J. Allen of Kearney, for Nebraska.
- June 10, 1890, to William A. Bentley, of Bismarck, for North Dakota.
- June 16, 1890, to Juan Miguel Ferrer, of Havana, for Cuba.
- Jan. 12, 1891, to E. H. Reed, of Waycross, for Georgia.
- Jan. 12, 1891, to John S. Denton, of Pennington, for New York.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The Grand Lodge trustees were empowered at last year's session to secure suitable rooms for the Grand Secretary and for library purposes as soon as practicable. Due inquiry was made by the said trustees resident in St. Paul, and several places were spoken of, more or less fireproof, but the rental asked was so greatly in excess of our appropriation that I felt unwilling to tax the Grand Lodge to the extent demanded. Then, in early spring, it was thought that in planning for the new masonic building, which has since been erected, ample accommodations would be provided for the Grand Secretary, and I consented to accept rooms therein if their use was tendered, and, therefore, concluded to remain in the old office until these rooms were completed. I at once had the office renovated, the walls and ceiling papered and the woodwork painted, at the expense of the owner of the building, and a new carpet laid and some necessary furniture provided, with the approval of the Grand Master, for which I hope to be reimbursed by the Grand Lodge. As no rooms suitable for the Grand Secretary have been provided in the new masonic building, the probability is that the Grand Secretary's office will remain where it is for some time to come. It can be much improved, however, by the addition of desks and other furniture, and as the rental is low this can well be afforded by the Grand Lodge.

RECORDS AND REGISTERS.

The minutes of the proceedings of the last session have been duly recorded in our book of records. Although no direct provision was made by the Grand Lodge for doing so, at the request of the Grand Master I undertook the task of posting the Grand Lodge Register from August, 1883, and have to report that the work has been completed to the close of 1888, and Grand Lodge numbers affixed. This work could not have been accomplished so soon but for the faithful and laborious services rendered me by Miss Lida Pierson, who was designated as my assistant during the past year. She has for the past seven months labored with unwearied zeal in the discharge of this task, under my supervision, and with the other previous services rendered me in other directions has well earned every dollar appropriated her by this Grand

Lodge. She has my hearty thanks for faithful services performed, as without her assistance much other important business must have been neglected.

NEW SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION.

My experience as Grand Secretary has demonstrated that, however valuable the old Grand Lodge Register may have been, when the membership was small, it is now a tedious and difficult matter to find any given name among the thousands commencing with the same letter. Besides, I find that scores of names are not entered, because never reported to the Grand Secretary. Furthermore, being arranged alphabetically, it is of no service in supplying lodges with a true list of their members in case of the loss of their records and books by fire, a thing that occurs almost every year.

I feel especially the need of a complete and correct list of the members of each lodge separate and apart from those of every other lodge, with every fact in their masonic history, as reported on the annual returns, opposite each name on the same line; in other words, a duplicate of each lodge register. By this system of registration by lodges as adopted the past year by the Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery, the membership of the average lodge and all other information desired will appear on one or two pages instead of being, as now, scattered through the returns for thirty-eight years in some cases, requiring hours of the time of the Grand Secretary to obtain certain facts where minutes should suffice. By this system, also, any errors or omissions in the annual returns can more readily be detected and their correctness verified. In fact, without it, it is impossible to tell if annual returns are absolutely correct. The preparation of such a register will require much time, labor and correspondence with lodges to correct existing errors in the returns now on file, but its value when completed will be incalculable and will well repay in time saved by the Grand Secretary and in other ways the small outlay incurred in its preparation.

LODGE REGISTERS.

There being considerable demand for lodge registers, and finding none in the office, I recently ordered a supply which I had made on a new form, and with one-half the pages arranged with suitable headings for a convenience book. These will be found very useful, nay, indispensable, to Secretaries, and should be kept and used by every lodge; for if the lodge register is kept correctly posted the annual returns can be made out in an hour or two, and will more likely be free from those errors and omissions which now so often annoy the Grand Secretary and almost distract the Committee on Returns at every annual session.

LODGE RETURN BLANKS.

The supply of blanks for returns having been exhausted, I ordered a supply of 1,000, which will be sufficient for two years to come. These

have been prepared to correspond with the form for the new lodge register, and with a view to greater convenience and simplicity than those heretofore in use.

DIGEST.

Two hundred and twenty-five copies of the 1890 edition of Todd's Digest were received by me from Bro. Todd in October, and a copy sent at once to the Secretary of each lodge for the use thereof, and one to each Grand Lodge officer, as provided for by the resolution on the subject adopted at the last session. The expense incurred was one hundred and eighty-seven dollars.

DEDICATION PROGRAMS.

In April last, at the request of the Grand Master, I prepared a form for dedication of masonic halls and had two hundred copies printed. They were used at Duluth in June, at Minneapolis in November and at Grand Meadow in December, and plenty remain on hand for future use.

REDUCTION OF FARE.

An arrangement was made with all the railroad companies for a return rate of one-third to all brethren attending this session; except the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, who refused us this usual concession, the former for lack of patronage last year, the latter without assigning any reason.

PHOTOTYPES.

Phototypes of Past Grand Master Nash and Grand Master Kiester will appear in the forthcoming proceedings, and as they were ordered in good season the brethren may reasonably expect to receive the printed proceedings of this communication within a month or six weeks.

LIBRARY.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary was constituted librarian and two hundred dollars was appropriated to procure shelving and book cases and for binding and other purposes.

This work has been taken up by me with a keen sense of the importance to the future of our order, of the duties enjoined, and has taken no inconsiderable portion of my time during the past year. While planning for shelving and cases for the few books on hand, and others to be purchased from Mrs. Pierson, I was informed by this worthy lady, in March, that she had determined to make a donation of her late husband's library to the Grand Lodge, and requesting its formal acceptance by the Grand Master. This was done, and the books, to the number of nearly seven hundred, were removed to my office and placed upon the shelves early in May.

I at once set about assorting the thousands of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery proceedings which had been accumulating for years, with a view to the binding of all such as were on hand not already bound. They were arranged by states, and a record made of all on

hand. Missing numbers are being supplied by donations from other Grand Secretaries, and in a few months all obtainable copies of masonic proceedings will be found upon our shelves. As it is we have (including the splendid gift from Mrs. Pierson) about 1,200 masonic books now in the library. We have also arranged surplus pamphlets in systematic order, and have full files of our own state proceedings readily accessible to any member of the order.

The following masonic periodicals have been received with more or less regularity by the Grand Secretary in exchange for our proceedings:

Voice of Masonry and Family Magazine, Chicago, Ill.

Masonic Review, Cincinnati, O.

Masonic Advocate, Indianapolis, Ind.

Canadian Craftsman, Toronto, Ont.

The Freemason, Sydney, New South Wales.

Masonic Token, Portland, Me.

The Corner Stone, New York City.

Victoria Freemason, Melbourne, Victoria.

Masonic Chronicle, Columbus, O.

The Compass and Star, Indianapolis, Ind.

The New Zealand Craftsman, Dunedin, N. Z.

The Freemason, London.

Masonic Journal, Portland, Me.

The Trestle Board, San Francisco.

Masonic Chronicle, New York City.

The South Australian Freemason, Adelaide.

The Royal Craftsman, Plainfield, N. J.

The Masonic Constellation, St. Louis.

The American Tyler, Detroit.

Masonic Tidings, Milwaukee.

Masonic World, Boston.

Freemason's Journal, New York City.

Master Mason, Minneapolis.

Herald of Masonry, Kansas City, Mo.

A CORRECTION.

Last year a resolution offered by Bro. Todd (see page 46) was *duly adopted* after reference to and favorable report from the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, but does not so appear in their report, page 78, for the reason that that part of their report did not come into my hands.

I submit the following as my financial report:

THOS. MONTGOMERY, Grand Secretary,

In account with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

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To fees and dues received from 186 lodges as appears in detail

in the Grand Secretary's cash book..... \$6,977 60

To charter fees from lodges 182 to 188, inclusive..... 175 00

To dispensation fees, 13 new lodges..... 260 00

To sundries collected from delinquent lodges.....	31 90
Total receipts of the year.....	\$7,444 50
Paid to Grand Treasurer last April.....	266 90
Balance now in my hands.....	\$7,177 60

RETURNS.

Returns have been received from every chartered lodge and from each of the thirteen lodges U. . D. .

These show a membership of over 12,000, a net gain over last year of 670 and an increase in fees and dues of \$461.40. The increase from all sources over last year exceeds \$700.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Although appointed chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the extraordinary work of the past year precluded the possibility of writing the report, which has been creditably performed by Bro. Irving Todd of the committee. It will be presented in print later in the session.

Brethren, my work is before you. My labors during the year in your interest have been incessant, and very much has been accomplished. The duties and responsibilities of the office increase as lodges multiply and the membership increases. I possibly have made mistakes. I have tried to serve you faithfully and well. No man can do more.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY, *Grand Secretary.*

That portion of the above report relating to money received was referred to the Committee on Finance, and that relating to New Grand Lodge Register and furniture for office to the Committee on Appropriations.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

The Grand Treasurer read the following reports, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

I herewith submit my annual statement for the past masonic year:

J. H. THOMPSON, Grand Treasurer,

In account with the Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

RECEIPTS.

1890.		
Jan. 15.	Cash on hand as per last report	\$2,997 14
Jan. 16.	Cash received by Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary.....	6,731 20
April 8.	Cash received by Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary.....	266 90
		\$9,995 24

DISBURSEMENTS.

1890	No. of Order	IN WHOSE FAVOR DRAWN.	FOR WHAT PAID.	
Jan. 17	1	M. M. Clark	Assistant Grand Secretary	\$25.00
" 17	2	J. C. Fischer	Grand Tyler and expenses	52.00
" 17	3	J. A. Kiester	Grand Master's expenses	300.00
" 17	4	T. Montgomery	Foreign correspondence report	250.00
" 17	5	T. Montgomery	Contingent expenses of office	100.00
" 17	6	T. Montgomery	Rent of office	100.00
" 17	7	J. H. Thompson	Pay roll, 1890	2,401.82
" 17	8	E. E. Davison	Rent of committee rooms	6.00
" 17	9	E. G. A. Adams	Relief, M. F. Varney and wife, No. 58	200.00
" 17	10	T. Montgomery	Relief, Mrs. C. D. Colby, No. 54	100.00
" 17	11	F. A. Hancock	Relief, Mrs. Emil Dunken, No. 133	75.00
" 17	12	M. R. Dresbach	Relief, family A. A. Fairbanks, No. 108	50.00
" 17	13	J. D. Markham	Relief, Fred Longerman, No. 164	75.00
" 17	14	F. M. Andrews	Relief, Mrs. Fred D. Blinn, No. 38	50.00
" 17	15	L. B. B. Sprague	Expenses Bro. Pierson's funeral	740.59
" 17	16	Eleanor C. Pierson	Appropriation for support	75.00
" 17	17	Geo. S. Acker	Record book G. L. Trustees	5.00
" 17	18	A. A. Caswell	Overpaid dues, Lodge No. 30	4.00
" 17	20	C. H. Wilbour	" " " 39	1.00
" 17	22	J. H. Logie	" " " 79	5.00
" 17	23	D. R. Houlton	" " " 95	.60
" 17	25	M. K. Swartz	" " " 100	3.20
" 17	28	L. A. Smith	" " " 109	.40
" 17	29	W. E. Martindale	" " " 113	.80
" 17	30	J. S. Briggs	" " " 117	1.20
" 17	32	T. W. Thompson	" " " 148	5.20
" 17	33	H. M. Oerter	" " " 151	1.20
" 17	34	Geo. Conkey	" " " 161	1.20
" 17	36	L. A. Fish	" " " 181	.40
Feb. 17	37	Eleanor C. Pierson	February allowance	75.00
" 28	38	F. Gutekunst	Phototypes, Denny & Gove	120.00
" 28	39	T. Montgomery	Salary as Grand Secretary	166.67
Mch. 17	40	Eleanor C. Pierson	March allowance	75.00
April 16	41	Eleanor C. Pierson	April allowance	75.00
" 16	42	Weed & Lawrence	Insurance	54.00
May 14	43	Eleanor C. Pierson	May allowance	75.00
" 31	44	T. Montgomery	Salary as Grand Secretary	250.00
June 16	45	Eleanor C. Pierson	June allowance	75.00
July 16	46	Eleanor C. Pierson	July allowance	75.00
" 18	47	Pioneer Press Co.	Printing bills	499.80
" 18	48	Thos. Montgomery	Book cases and shelving	50.00
Aug. 20	49	Eleanor C. Pierson	August allowance	75.00
" 20	50	Thos. Montgomery	Salary	250.00
Sept. 17	51	Eleanor C. Pierson	September allowance	75.00
Oct. 16	52	Eleanor C. Pierson	October allowance	75.00
" 31	53	Thos. Montgomery	Salary	166.67
" 23	54	Irving Todd	225 digests, express and postage	187.00
Nov. 20	55	Mrs. Pierson	November allowance	75.00
Dec. 19	56	Mrs. Pierson	December allowance	75.00
1891				
Jan. 12	57	Miss Lida Pierson	Assistance to Grand Secretary	250.00
" 12	58	Thos. Montgomery	Salary, November and December	166.67
" 12	59	Thos. Montgomery	Balance contingent expenses	75.00
" 12	60	Thos. Montgomery	Balance rent of office	62.50
" 12	61	Thos. Montgomery	New books and binding	100.00
" 14		Balance on hand		2,142.32
				\$9,995.24

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the Grand Lodge, held in Masonic Hall, St. Paul, on Jan. 17, 1890, J. H. Thompson was elected treasurer for the ensuing year.

J. H. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

1890.

Dr.

Jan. 17.	To cash on hand as per last report	\$966 98
Jan. 17.	To Minnesota 4½ per cent state bonds, \$9,000, cost	9,325 94
July 1.	To six months' interest on same to date.....	202 50
1891.		
Jan. 1.	To six months' interest on same to date.....	202 50

\$10,697 92

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	By cash paid for \$1,000 State of Minnesota bond...	\$1,006 23
	By \$9,000 in State of Minnesota bonds on hand, cost	9,325 94
1891.		
Jan. 14.	By cash on hand to balance.....	365 75

\$10,697 92

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. THOMPSON,

Treasurer Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

On motion of Bro. F. S. Coffin (50) the election of officers was made the special order for 2:30 P. M. to-morrow.

The Committee on Subdivision of Address of the Grand Master reported as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge now in session:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, for subdivision and reference, report as follows:

1. That so much thereof as relates to deceased brethren be referred to a special committee of three.

2. That so much as relates to Lodges U. D. be referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D.

3. That so much as relates to edicts, special dispensations and rulings be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

4. That so much as relates to Grand Lodge library be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

5. That so much as relates to the library donated by the widow of our late Grand Secretary, A. T. C. Pierson, be referred to a special committee of three.

6. That the residue of the address be referred to a special committee of three.

W. T. RIGBY,

T. C. CLARK,

H. M. MYERS,

Committee.

Adopted.

The above special committees were announced as follows:.

No. 1. Bro. Geo. H. Davis (), L. Coburn (170), A. Mar-
den (98).

No. 5. Bro. Chas. Griswold (3), Irving Todd (35), S. Ray-
mond (2).

No. 6. Bro. W. B. Patton (79), E. A. D. Salter (138), A. D.
Countryman (137).

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Returns of Lodges beg leave to report that we have examined the returns of one hundred and eighty-six lodges. The errors and omissions are not as numerous as in past years, still there is room for improvement. There has been:

Initiated.....	945
Passed	891
Raised	851
Joined.....	351
Restored	57
Total increase.....	1,259
Withdrawn.....	403
Stricken from roll.....	174
Suspended and expelled.....	13
Died	107
Total decrease.....	697
Net gain.....	562
Present membership	12,168
Total fees and dues paid.....	\$6,977 60

We note the following errors and omissions:

Mankato, No. 12. Last year failed to carry out their total membership correctly, and start this year's returns 1 short; hence we charge them 40 cents dues on account of same.

Rochester, No. 21. Deduct 1, whom they say, on the face of the returns, was suspended. On the other side, in the summary, they say he was stricken from the roll. They are requested to correct the return so as to show which is the fact.

Pleasant Grove, No. 22. Error in starting number; returns not headed; lodge numbers omitted; report 3 restored, but only add 2 to their membership on account of it. They have also deducted their exempts from their total membership.

North Star, No. 23. Deduct 5 as dimitted, but only give the names of 4. The Worshipful Master of said lodge will please give the name of the other to the Grand Secretary, as we have allowed his total membership to stand.

Blue Earth Valley, No. 27. Overpaid \$1.20, by errors in account.

Anoka, No. 30. Pay for 5 initiated, but fail to give the names of but 4. They also had last year a membership of 135, from which they have dropped 5 this year without explanation, and therefore we charge them \$2 dues for same.

Oriental, No. 34. Overpaid 40 cents.

Preston, No. 36. Pay for 9 initiated, but only report 8 by name; also omit the date of the initiating and passing of 1 raised.

Mystic, No. 37. Omit date of initiating and passing of 1 raised; also owe \$1 on account of fees.

Cleveland, No. 47. Dropped 1, as suspended, without giving name or date; owe 40 cents.

Social, No. 48. Owe 40 cents dues, for 1 taken up last year as restored and not added to their total membership.

Watertown, No. 50. Owe 40 cents dues.

Blue Earth City, No. 57. Failed to report date of initiating and passing of 1 raised.

Star in the West, No. 60. Changed total of former membership without explanation; omit lodge numbers; omit date of initiation of 1 raised; 1 restored not added to the total membership.

Mystic Star, No. 69. Did not add 1 joined to its total membership.

Star, No. 62. Overpaid 80 cents.

Eureka, No. 75. Remittance 40 cents short, on account of error in total membership.

Howard, No. 82. Overpaid dues, \$4.

Doric, No. 87 and Golden Fleece, No. 89. Omit lodge numbers.

Sherburne, No. 95. Overpaid \$4.

Aurora, No. 100. Pay for 7 initiates, only give name of 4; pay for 5 fellow crafts, only give name of 4; have dropped 8 from total membership, and are therefore delinquent \$3.20.

Sharon, No. 104. Columns 4, 5, 6 and 7 not filled.

Mt. Tabor, No. 106. Seem to have omitted to make report of their lodge registry, No. 107.

Relief, No. 108. Starting number wrong; owe 40 cents.

Pickwick, No. 110. Important omissions, which they will please explain to Grand Secretary.

Elgin, No. 115. Overpaid \$1.60.

Josephus, No. 128. No seal; error in summing.

Little Falls, No. 140. Several errors; owe Grand Lodge \$1.20.

Currie, No. 142. Without seal; error in number of members; owe 80 cents.

Lakeview, No. 143. Drop 4 as dimitted without explanation; owe \$1.60.

Bird Island, No. 144. Returns not headed; membership reduced 3 without explanation; owe \$1.20.

Benton, No. 146. Report 1 dimitted, but do not give name, etc.; owe 40 cents.

Canby, No. 147. No seal.

Quarry, No. 148. Total membership stated wrong; owe Grand Lodge \$3.60.

Warren, No. 150. Omit name and dates of 1 passed and 1 raised; 2 joined and only add 1 to membership.

Perham, No. 157. Omit names of 2 initiated.

Hector, No. 158. Report 2 joined and add only 1 to total membership.

Long Prairie, No. 159. Starting number wrong; returns not headed; omit names of 3 initiated and 2 passed; overpaid dues, \$3.60; reports 4 joined and adds 5 to membership on account of it. They should furnish a new return.

Minnehaha, No. 165. Returns not headed; report 6 joined; only give names for 2.

Braden, No. 168. Initiated, 7; give names of 6; starting number wrong; omit lodge numbers of 2 died and 3 dimitted.

Pierson, No. 169. Have remitted \$1.60 less than their dues, claiming it is a drawback for 4 withdrawn last year, but not reported. If the Grand Lodge allows this, an appropriation will be needed to cover it.

Ark, No. 176. Report 17 initiated; pay for 16; owe \$1.

Rough Ashler, No. 177. Report 2 passed; give names of but 1.

Pelican Rapids, No. 183. Omit the name and date of 2 initiated and passed.

All the lodges have made reports and sent in their remittances for the past year.

We submit herewith abstract of the returns, showing the work done and money paid, also the amount due from each lodge. And we recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to charge to the account of the several lodges the amount herein reported as their fees and dues for 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. DICKINSON,

J. E. COOLEY,

Committee.

Adopted. (For abstract see Appendix C.)

Financial part of abstract was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Grand Lodge was then called off until 8 P. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 14, 1891.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 P. M. Officers and members as at previous session.

The Grand Officers having vacated their stations, the work of the third degree was duly exemplified by St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, by invitation of the Grand Master, and the lectures given in full by Bro. James F. Lawless, W. L. M. :

The Grand Officers having resumed their stations, the Grand Master justly complimented Bro. Lawless and the officers assisting him on the very creditable manner in which, on such short notice, they had exemplified the work.

The hour being late the Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9:30 A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

ST. PAUL, THURSDAY, Jan. 15, 1891.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:30 A. M., officers and members as before.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

Bro. Irving Todd, from the special committee appointed last year on District Deputies, reported as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your special committee appointed at the last annual communication, and to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to District Deputies, would respectfully report that after a careful consideration of the matter it is recommended that the legislation of 1874 be reenacted, with amendments, so that it shall read as follows:

1. That the Most Worshipful Grand Master be authorized to divide this jurisdiction into at least twenty-five districts, composed of not less than six lodges each, and to appoint in each of said districts some competent brother, whose style and title shall be Worshipful District Deputy, and who shall hold said office during the will and pleasure of the Grand Master.

2. That it shall be the duty of said District Deputies to visit each lodge in their respective districts at least once in each year, and at such visitation to thoroughly inspect the records, to examine the books of the lodge, the finances, and how they are administered, inquire as to the attendance of its officers and members, as to its lodge room, whether it is secure, suitable, and properly furnished, together with such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Grand Master.

3. That subordinate lodges are authorized to pay from their funds the actual expenses incurred by said District Deputies in their visitations to said lodges.

4. That it shall be the further duty of said District Deputies to report to the Grand Master, on or before the first day of December in each year, in writing (which reports shall be filed with the Grand Secretary), in regard to all lodges visited by them in their respective districts, showing the condition of each as to finances, records, work, attendance, and such other matters as in their judgment the good of Masonry may require.

5. That no compensation shall be paid said District Deputies, either by the Grand Lodge or its subordinates, except as provided in paragraph number three; *Provided, however*, that nothing herein contained shall prevent the brethren of subordinate lodges, in their individual capacity, from recompensing such District Deputies for their services.

6. The Grand Master has the authority to call said District Deputies together, for the purpose of instructing them in their particular duties. Fraternally submitted.

IRVING TODD,
SOLON ARMSTRONG,
JNO. J. FULKERSON,
Committee.

Referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances have had under consideration the matter of the application of Wm. E. Hamilton, lately expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry by Khurum, No. 112, for unmasonic conduct, to be reinstated by this Grand Lodge. Charges were heretofore regularly preferred against said Hamilton in said Khurum Lodge; a trial was had thereon, and said Hamilton found guilty and sentenced to expulsion. He has made three applications to said Khurum Lodge for reinstatement, and his application has in each instance been rejected. He now applies to this Grand Lodge for such reinstatement. Your committee have fully considered the matter, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved. That the application of Wm. E. Hamilton, lately expelled by Khurum Lodge, No. 112, to be reinstated to all the rights and privileges of Masonry be not granted.

C. L. BROWN,
J. H. SPROUT,
J. H. RANDALL,
ROBT. E. DENFELD.

A number of resolutions were offered, appropriating money for the relief of needy brethren and Masons' widows and orphans, which were severally referred to the Committee on Appropriations, viz.: From Lodges Nos. 54, 57, 69, 79, 108, 142, 174 and 180.

Bro. F. A. Hancock, Worshipful Master of No. 133, presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge now in session:

WHEREAS, The hall of Golden Sheaf Lodge, No. 133, was destroyed by fire during the past year and the charter, records and all other lodge property were lost in said fire; therefore,

Resolved, That a duplicate charter be issued to said lodge without fee;

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge dues for 1890, paid by said lodge, be refunded.

On motion of H. R. Wells, that part of the Grand Master's address relating to special dispensations and edicts, which had been referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, was taken from thence and referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge now in session:

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the decisions of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, fraternally report, that they have considered the same, and find them to be in conformity with masonic usage and regulations, and recommend that they be approved and confirmed.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
E. W. DURANT,
R. H. GOVE,
Committee.

Adopted.

RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee to whom has been referred the residue of the Grand Master's address respectfully report as follows: That we recommend

that so much thereof as relates to invasion of jurisdiction be referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

W. B. PATTON,
A. D. COUNTRYMAN,
E. A. D. SALTER,
Committee.

Concurred in.

The Grand Lodge was called off until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, Jan. 15, 1891.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2 P. M.

Officers and members as before.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. H. M. Myers (19), was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence.

Resolved, That in all concurrent jurisdictions, upon reception of a petition for membership or degrees, by any lodge, the Secretary thereof shall immediately notify all the other lodges in the same jurisdiction, stating name, age, occupation and all other information contained in the petition.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Bro. Geo. S. Acker read the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the books, vouchers and reports of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct.

There was on hand in General Fund a year ago....	\$2,997 14
Received from Grand Secretary, fees and dues, 1889	6,731 20
Received from Grand Secretary, fees, account of 1890	266 90
	\$9 995 24
Paid out on warrants.....	7,852 92
Leaving balance cash on hand.....	\$2,142 32
There was on hand in Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	\$966 98
Received interest on bonds, \$9,000, at 4½ per cent...	405 00
	\$1,371 98
Paid: Minnesota state bonds purchased.....	1,006 23
Leaving balance cash on hand.....	\$365 75

ASSETS.

Cash on hand General Fund.....	\$2,142 32
Cash on hand Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	\$365 75
State bonds purchased this year	1,006 23
State bonds purchased heretofore	9,325 94
Total Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	10,697 92
Total in both funds.....	\$12,840 24

The Grand Secretary's books agree with his report, showing that he has received since the date of last report:

Delinquent dues from lodges, \$31.90 and \$5.40.....	\$37 30
Charter fees, lodges 182 to 188 inclusive.....	175 00
Dispensation fees, thirteen new lodges.....	260 00
Fees and dues for 1890.....	6,972 20
Total receipts.....	\$7,444 50

All of which have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The above receipts include \$15.60 overpaid dues, viz : No. 27, \$1.20; No. 34, 40c.; No. 62, 80c.; No. 82, \$4; No. 95, \$4; No. 115, \$1.60; No. 159, \$3.60; which with \$1.80 yet due No. 87 and 40c. due No. 100 for previous years, we recommend be refunded by an order on the Grand Treasurer.

The lodges delinquent for 1890 are as follows: No. 12, 40c.; No. 30, \$2; No. 37, \$1; No. 47, 40c.; No. 48, 40c.; No. 50, 40c.; No. 75., 40c.; No. 100, \$3.20; No. 108, 40c.; No. 140, \$1.20; No. 142, 80c.; No. 143, \$1.60; No. 144, \$1.20; No. 146, 40c.; No. 148, \$3.60; No. 176, \$1; No. 169, \$1.60. Total, \$20; which amounts should be deducted from the per diem of representatives according to the rule adopted last session.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. S. ACKER,
I. B. B. SPRAGUE,
M. C. SULLIVAN,
B. F. FARMER,
A. Y. DAVIDSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

Bro. Geo. H. Davis submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Deceased Brethren respectfully report that they have read, with sentiments of profound sorrow, the tribute which the Most Worshipful Grand Master has so eloquently and justly paid to the memory

of Past Grand Masters John H. Brown and Caleb H. Benton, Past Junior Grand Warden Frederick Joss and Past Grand Orator George W. Lamson.

The services rendered by these eminent brethren to the fraternity of Freemasons, as also those attributes of mind and heart which ennobled their characters and lives, are recorded in the archives of this Grand Lodge and enshrined in the hearts of its members. The memory of what they were and what they did will long serve as an incentive to faithful and unselfish effort in the cause of truth on the part of us who remain.

"Friend after friend departs;
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts
That hath not here an end.
Were this frail world our only rest,
Living or dying none were blest."

GEO. H. DAVIS,
A. MARDEN,
LARNED COBURN,
Committee.

SPECIAL ORDER—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour having arrived for the special order,—the election of officers,—Past Grand Master H. R. Denny took the chair by request, and appointed as Tellers Bros. F. A. Noble (48), H. J. Peck (44), C. H. Smith (101), John Hutton (97) and Albert Marden (98).

The visiting brethren were requested to retire.

The Grand Secretary was directed to call the roll, on the ballot for Grand Master.

The tellers announced that R. : W. : Alphonso Barto had received a majority of the votes cast, and he was accordingly declared duly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

On motion of Past Grand Master C. W. Nash, a committee of five was appointed to notify Bro. Barto of his election and escort him within the lodge room.

The following Past Grand Masters were appointed such committee, viz.: Bros. C. W. Nash, Chas. Griswold, E. W. Durant, H. R. Wells and R. H. Gove, who withdrew, and soon returned with the Grand Master elect, who was formally presented by Bro.

Nash, and received with the Grand honors. Bro. Barto extended his thanks to the Grand Lodge, and signified his acceptance of the high honor in suitable terms.

The balloting then proceeded with, the full list of officers declared elected being as follows:

ALPHONSO BARTO, M. : W. : Grand Master.
WM. F. DICKINSON, R. : W. : Deputy Grand Master.
CHAS. D. BOYCE, R. : W. : Senior Grand Warden.
H. C. SHEPARD, R. : W. : Junior Grand Warden.
J. H. THOMPSON, R. : W. : Grand Treasurer.
THOS. MONTGOMERY, R. : W. : Grand Secretary.

BRO. PIERSON'S LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's address relating to the library, and more particularly to the donation of masonic books and proceedings from the collection of our late Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, at the hands of his widow, would respectfully report that we fully appreciate the gift and accept the same in the spirit in which it was tendered, and that the volumes have been placed upon our shelves and will be preserved as a memorial of a faithful Grand Officer.

IRVING TODD,
C. GRISWOLD,
STILES RAYMOND,
Committee.

In this connection the Grand Secretary deems it proper to place upon record the following letter of acceptance, addressed to Mrs. Pierson by Grand Master Kiester:

BLUE EARTH CITY, MINN., March 28, 1890.

Mrs. Eleanor C. Pierson:

MADAM: I have just been officially informed by our R. : W. : Grand Secretary that you have been pleased to present the masonic library of your lately deceased husband and our venerable brother M. : W. : A. T. C. Pierson, to our M. : W. : Grand Lodge, for the use and benefit, forever, of the masonic fraternity in our jurisdiction, and request its acceptance as a tribute of your kindly regards for our ancient and honorable fraternity. It is with feelings of much pleasure and of profound gratitude to you, that I accept, in behalf of our M. : W. : Grand Lodge and

the fraternity throughout our jurisdiction, this gift, so rare and valuable. Permit me to assure you, madam, that this generous gift is fully appreciated — that it will be preserved with care, through all time, as a fitting and perpetual memorial of our deceased M. : W. : Grand Master, and of yourself, no less; — of him, as the founder of our Grand Lodge, and through the period of more than a generation its chief counselor, and of yourself, who, through the same long period, was his most efficient "helpmeet" in many things pertaining to his labors in behalf of our noble order, where your assistance, encouragement and sympathy were proper, and the value of which has long been well known to our brethren and can never be forgotten.

This splendid contribution to our Grand Lodge library will be officially reported at the next annual communication of our M. : W. : Grand Lodge, when a further and more fitting acknowledgment will be prepared and presented you, and be also placed on perpetual record.

Be pleased to accept the assurance of my sincere and personal esteem and regard.

Most respectfully,

J. A. KIESTER,

Grand Master of Masons of Minnesota.

RESTORATION OF MEMBERS.

The following report, submitted by Bro. H. R. Wells, was adopted by a vote of over two-thirds of the members present:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge now in session :

Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence fraternally submits the following:

WHEREAS, Conflicts in construction having arisen relating to restoration under the provisions of the Grand Lodge constitution, sec. 36; therefore,

Resolved, That no Mason who may be hereafter indefinitely suspended or expelled shall be restored to masonic rights and privileges except upon application to and the favorable action of the Grand Lodge in session;

Resolved, That all resolutions and decisions in conflict with the foregoing are hereby rescinded.

H. R. WELLS,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
E. W. DURANT,
H. R. DENNY,
R. H. GOVE,

Committee.

REPORT ON LODGES U. N. D. N.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Lodges U. N. D. N. would respectfully report that we have examined the records and returns of the following named lodges U. N. D. N., viz.:

Traverse Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Wheaton, Traverse county; Twin Cite Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Merriam Park, Ramsey county; Crow River Lodge U. N. D. N., of New London, Kandiyohi county; Mizpah Lodge, U. N. D. N., of South St. Paul, Dakota county; Amboy Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Amboy, Blue Earth county; Renville Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Renville, Renville county; Canton Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Canton, Fillmore county; Geneva Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Madison, Lac qui Parle county; Vermillion Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Tower, St. Louis county; West Duluth Lodge, U. N. D. N., of West Duluth, St. Louis county; Slayton Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Slayton, Murray county.

And finding their work good, and such as we can approve, we recommend that upon a compliance with the constitution of the Grand Lodge in such cases provided, charters be granted to each of the above named lodges.

We would recommend that the name of Twin Cite Lodge, U. N. D. N., be changed to "Triune," and the name of Slayton Lodge, U. N. D. N., be changed to "Murray," and that the charter of Amboy Lodge, U. N. D. N., and West Duluth Lodge, U. N. D. N., be withheld until the lodges can decide on a new name.

We have also examined the records and returns of Witoka Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Winona county, and would recommend that its dispensation be continued for one year. We also recommend that on account of certain irregularities in the records of Springfield Lodge, U. N. D. N., of Springfield, Brown county, its dispensation be continued for one year, and that the Grand Master should appoint the District Deputy, or some well-informed member of the order, to visit them, for the purpose of instructing them in the proper method of keeping the records and transacting the business of the lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

J. E. GETMAN,
ALEX. FIDDES,
C. H. BRINSMID,
Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, which was accepted and ordered printed as an appendix to the proceedings.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Geo. D. Emery (112), was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, who reported it back to the Grand Lodge with the recommendation that it be laid on the table. The Grand Lodge on motion so ordered.

Resolved, That no expelled or indefinitely suspended Mason shall be reinstated in the rights and privileges of Masonry except upon the reference of his application to the lodge which expelled or suspended him, its favorable report thereon, and the three-fourths vote of the Grand Lodge.

PAY ROLL.

Bro. J. H. Thompson, from the Committee on Pay Roll, stated that about \$2,100 would be required to pay the members entitled thereto their mileage and per diem; that the roll was ready, and asked for and received permission to pay said mileage and per diem, the committee being continued to complete their report when through with their labors.

(For completed report see appendix D.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred that portion of the M. · W. · Grand Master's address in relation to special dispensations and edicts, issued by him during the past year, have examined the same and respectfully report that they are in accordance with the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of Masonry.

Your committee further report the following resolution on a subject matter referred to this committee at the last session of this Grand Body.

Resolved, That the M. · W. · Grand Master be authorized to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge a work and ritual of the Past Master's degree as required in this jurisdiction, and cause the same to be disseminated by the District Deputies in their respective districts.

Fraternally submitted,

C. W. NASH,
WM. LEE,
DANIEL GETTY,
THOS. J. LOMBARD,
Committee.

Adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

The following Grand Representatives, appointed during the year, were introduced by Past Grand Master E. W. Durant and received with the Grand Honors.

Bro. H. R. Wells, from Grand Lodge of Iowa and North Dakota.

Bro. J. A. Kiester, from Grand Lodge of New York.

Bro. A. Y. Davidson, from Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Bro. A. Barto, from Grand Lodge of Colon and Cuba.

M. W. Bro. H. R. Wells, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your Committee on Appropriations fraternally report the following appropriations for the approval of the Grand Lodge:

For expenses of Grand Master Kiester, 1890.....	\$300 00
For salary of Grand Secretary, 1891.....	1,250 00
For Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	250 00
For Bro. M. M. Clark, Assistant Grand Secretary, 1891.....	25 00
For Bro. J. C. Fischer, Grand Tyler, session 1891.....	25 00
For Bro. J. C. Fisher, memorial cards, Bros. Brown and Benton	3 50
For contingent expenses of Grand Secretary, 1891.....	175 00
For office rent of Grand Secretary, 1891.....	162 50
For office furniture and carpet.....	100 00
For insurance of Grand Lodge property.....	77 00
For purchase of new books for library.....	100 00
For binding books.....	100 00
For printing Grand Lodge proceedings, etc., 1891.....	600 00
For amount of pay roll, 1891.....	2,100 00
For dues for 1890 to be refunded Golden Sheaf Lodge, No. 133..	42 40
For relief of widow of Bro. C. D. Colby, late of Nicollet Lodge, No. 54.....	25 00
For relief of Bro. George L. Key of Nicollet Lodge, No. 54.....	25 00
For relief of Bro. Enoch Pulver of Blue Earth City Lodge, No. 57.....	25 00
For relief of widow of Geo. H. Hitchcock, late of Mystic Star Lodge, No. 69.....	50 00
For relief of widow of John S. Warner, late of Valley Lodge, No. 174.....	50 00
For relief of Bro. Harvey Crow, of Osakis Lodge, No. 180.....	75 00
For relief of widow of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, \$60 per month....	720 00

H. R. WELLS,

J. F. LAWLESS,

J. M. D. CRAFT,

Committee.

On the question of getting up a register of lodges and their members, as required by the constitution and recommended by the Grand Secretary, the Committee on Appropriations, to whom the matter was referred, could not agree; hence two reports were submitted, as follows:

MINORITY REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge now in session:

Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary relating to the procuring of a new Grand Lodge register, consisting of a roster of each subordinate lodge, fraternally report, that having considered the same we recommend that the request of the Grand Secretary be not granted.

Your committee further report, that in order to facilitate the completion and correction of the old register, a list of the membership of each subordinate lodge be procured under the direction of the Grand Secretary, on forms to be prescribed by him; and that the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated for that purpose.

H. R. WELLS.

MAJORITY REPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge now in session:

Your Committee on Appropriations have had under consideration that portion of the report of the Grand Secretary relating to a new Grand Lodge register, and favor the adoption of his recommendation.

J. M. D. CRAFT,
J. F. LAWLESS.

After considerable discussion, Bro. J. D. Markham moved, as a substitute for both reports, the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of six hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated and placed at the disposal of the Grand Master elect, Past Grand Master H. R. Wells and the R. W. Grand Secretary, to write up in such form as to them seems best, a Grand Lodge register complete to date.

Pending action on same the Grand Lodge was called off until 8 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 8 P. M., Past Grand Master H. R. Denny in the chair.

Some further discussion was had on the pending question, and various motions made, when, on motion of Bro. Geo. D. Emery, the whole matter was laid on the table.

On motion of Bro. H. R. Wells, it was voted that a duplicate charter be issued without fee to Golden Sheaf Lodge, No. 133, to replace the original destroyed by fire.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence made a further report, recommending that the resolution offered by Bro. Myers (page 44) be laid on the table.

Adopted.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The Grand Master elect announced his appointment of the following Grand Lodge officers:

W.: BRO. ANDREW C. DUNN.....	Grand Orator.
W.: BRO. REV. L. D. BOYNTON.....	Grand Chaplain.
W.: BRO. WM. B. PATTON.....	Senior Grand Deacon.
W.: BRO. O. C. HANSON.....	Junior Grand Deacon.
W.: BRO. E. P. CASE.....	Grand Marshal.
W.: BRO. J. D. MARKHAM.....	Grand Standard Bearer.
W.: BRO. GEO. BROOKINS.....	Grand Sword Bearer.
W.: BRO. JOHN S. NELSON.....	Senior Grand Steward.
W.: BRO. JAMES D. LOCK.....	Junior Grand Steward.
W.: BRO. W. W. FOOTE.....	Grand Pursuivant.
W.: BRO. J. C. FISCHER.....	Grand Tyler.

INSTALLATION.

The newly elected and appointed officers were then severally installed into their respective offices by Past Grand Master Henry R. Denny, assisted by Right Worshipful George S. Acker acting as Grand Marshal.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the following committees:

ON RETURNS OF LODGES.

Bros. W. F. Dickinson, Geo. S. Acker, J. S. Nelson.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

Bros. Irving Todd, Thos. Montgomery, E. P. Barnum.

THANKS.

On motion, the thanks of the Grand Lodge was voted to Minnesota Chapter, No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, for the use of their

hall during the present session, and to the several railroad companies in the state (except Northern Pacific and Great Northern) for the customary reduction in fare.

CLOSING.

No further business appearing, the Thirty-eighth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was closed at 10 P. M., in AMPLE FORM, the Grand Chaplain leading in the devotions.

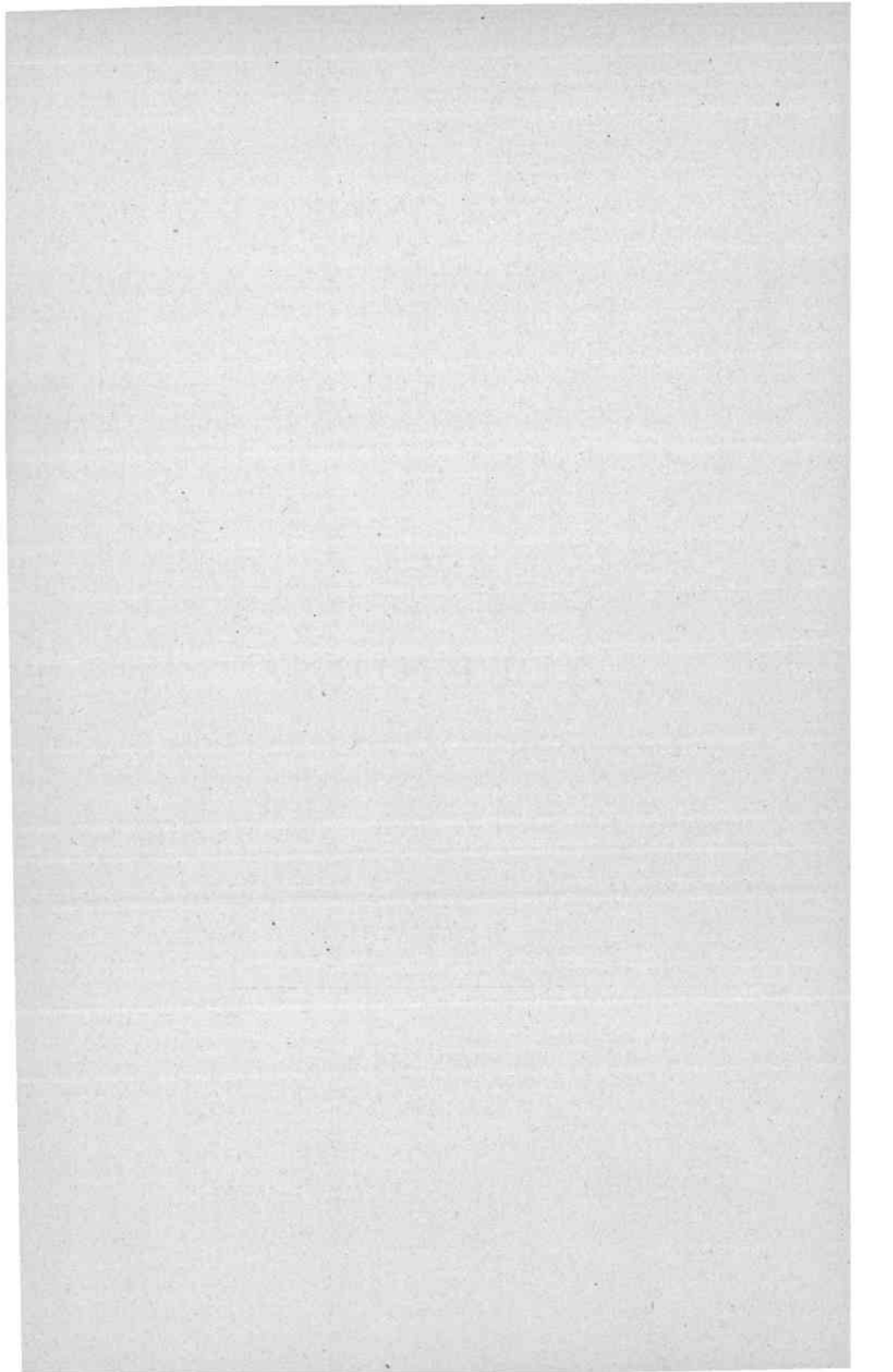
ALPHONSO BARTO,
Grand Master.



Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.



APPENDIX A—GRAND OFFICERS.
ELECTIVE GRAND OFFICERS OF THE G. L. OF MINNESOTA, FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1853 TO THE PRESENT TIME.

YEAR.	GRAND MASTER.	No. Loc.	DEPUTY G.: M.	No. Loc.	SENIOR G.: W.	No. Loc.	JUNIOR G.: W.	No. Loc.	G.: TREASURER	No. Loc.	G.: SECRETARY.	No. Loc.
1853	A. E. Ames†	2	A. Goodrich†	3	D. F. Brawley†	3	A. Van Vorhes†	1	E. Casel†	2	J. G. Lennont	2
1854	A. E. Ames†	2	D. F. Brawley†	3	C. T. Stearns	2	A. T. C. Persont	5	E. Casel†	4	H. Reynolds	2
1855	A. T. C. Persont	5	A. T. C. Persont	5	Thomas Lombard	6	A. Van Vorhes†	1	E. Casel†	4	H. Reynolds	2
1856	A. T. C. Persont	5	Wm. H. Mower	1	E. A. Hodgson†	4	William Lee	7	E. Casel†	4	H. Reynolds	2
1857	A. T. C. Persont	5	D. B. Loomis	1	Frank Manior	11	A. C. Smith†	3	E. Casel†	19	Geo. W. Prescott	5
Jan.—1858	A. T. C. Persont	5	D. B. Loomis	1	Samuel E. Adams	16	S. C. Whipple†	16	E. Casel†	19	Geo. W. Prescott	5
1859	A. T. C. Persont	5	D. B. Loomis	1	J. C. Whipple†	9	J. C. Whipple†	9	E. Casel†	19	Geo. W. Prescott	5
1860	A. T. C. Persont	5	J. C. Whipple†	9	L. E. Lindsay†	21	George Bradley†	31	E. Casel†	19	Geo. W. Prescott	5
1861	A. T. C. Persont	5	L. E. Lindsay†	21	E. C. Wellst	31	W. T. Rigby	28	E. Casel†	19	Geo. W. Prescott	5
1862	Geo. W. Prescott	5	P. P. Hubbell	18	G. B. Cooley†	11	A. B. Curry	23	Geo. L. Otist	5	A. T. C. Persont	5
1863	Charles W. Nash	35	W. T. Rigby	28	Robert Stewart†	49	A. J. Phelps†	34	Geo. L. Otist	5	C. W. Carpenter	5
1864	Charles W. Nash	35	R. A. Jones†	21	S. R. Merrill	40	S. R. Merrill	40	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
*1865	Charles W. Nash	35	R. A. Jones†	21	S. V. Hyde	40	S. V. Hyde	49	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1866	Charles W. Nash	35	G. B. Cooley†	11	S. V. Hyde	49	Fred Joss†	8	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1867	G. B. Cooley†	11	C. Griswold	49	E. D. B. Porter†	12	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1868	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	J. N. Castle	1	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1869	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1870	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1871	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1872	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1873	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1874	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1875	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1876	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1877	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1878	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1879	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1880	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1881	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1882	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1883	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1884	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1885	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1886	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1887	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1888	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1889	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1890	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5
1891	C. Griswold	49	J. N. Castle	1	Edgar Nash	76	J. P. Morford†	33	Geo. L. Otist	5	Wm. S. Combs	5

† Expelled.

† Deceased.

* No session of the Grand Lodge in 1862 or 1868.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

No.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
	LODGE.	TOWN.						
1	St. Johns.....	Stillwater.....	June 9, '52	T. C. Clark.....	I. E. King.....	T. H. Warten.....	H. S. Smith.....	1 and 3 Mon.
2	Catact.....	Minneapolis.....	Oct. 3, '52	Stiles Raymond.....	C. E. Van Cleave.....	F. W. Campbell.....	S. Armstrong.....	1 Sat.
3	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	Jan. 24, '53	J. F. Lawless.....	W. A. Johnson.....	F. W. Lindeke.....	A. W. Mortenson.....	1 and 3 Fri.
4	Hennepin.....	Hennepin.....	" " " " " "	J. H. Randall.....	W. A. Laurence.....	J. G. Houghton.....	J. T. Thompson.....	2 and 4 Wed.
5	Ancient Landmark.....	St. Paul.....	" " " " " "	W. Zimmermann.....	A. P. Swanson.....	C. W. Ritterauer.....	Wm. Dampier.....	2 and 4 Wed.
6	Dakota.....	Hastings.....	" " " " " "	W. W. Weeks.....	A. E. Worthington.....	C. W. Munroe.....	Julius Pansie.....	2 and 4 Wed.
7	Red Wing.....	Faribault.....	" " " " " "	H. A. Bud.....	C. E. Friedrichs.....	E. T. Mallory.....	C. L. Davis.....	1 Mon.
8	Faribault.....	Goodhue.....	Oct. 25, '53	J. Hawley.....	M. E. Mallery.....	W. Birch.....	H. Peirce, Jr.....	2 and 4 Mon.
9	Manorville.....	Dodge.....	" " " " " "	C. A. Miller.....	Hugh McMurtrie.....	L. A. Cooper.....	I. A. Norton.....	2 and 4 Mon.
10	Wapahosa.....	Wabasha.....	Jan. 6, '57	C. W. Mead.....	C. J. Hammes.....	L. A. Linder.....	W. S. Howe.....	2 and 4 Sat.
11	Monticello.....	Wright.....	" " " " " "	Henry Kreis.....	W. Longfellow.....	W. L. LeClark.....	J. G. Dill.....	1 and 3 Sat.
12	Hokah.....	Houston.....	" " " " " "	A. C. Snure.....	L. T. Lyon.....	T. H. Bertram.....	E. H. Sherwin.....	1 and 3 Sat.
13	Winona.....	Winona.....	" " " " " "	H. C. Shepard.....	H. W. Clarke.....	J. J. Mortor.....	L. S. Keeler.....	1 and 3 Tus.
14	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" " " " " "	H. M. Myers.....	A. M. Bailey.....	J. C. Curtiss.....	J. J. Hillmer.....	1 and 3 Tus.
15	Caledonia.....	Houston.....	" " " " " "	W. L. Wheaton.....	B. E. Webster.....	E. Marshall.....	E. J. Forster.....	1 and 3 Wed.
16	Rochester.....	Omsted.....	" " " " " "	W. L. Parkinson.....	H. R. Hymes.....	C. M. Johnson.....	F. E. Kremer.....	2 and 4 Wed.
17	Pleasant Grove.....	Omsted.....	" " " " " "	J. H. Larkin.....	Wm. Aylshord.....	C. A. Petty.....	C. A. Whited.....	2 and 4 Mon.
18	North Star.....	St. Cloud.....	" " " " " "	John Emore.....	C. Fawcett.....	D. J. Bickford.....	R. H. Russell.....	1 and 3 Tus.
19	Wilton.....	Waska.....	" " " " " "	H. A. House.....	John Waggoner.....	John De Leo.....	C. W. Kingsbury.....	2 and 4 Mon.
20	Western Star.....	Albert Lea.....	Oct. 27, '58	A. C. Dunn.....	Wm. A. Higgins.....	D. J. Bickford.....	J. Wilkinson.....	1 and 3 Mon.
21	Blue Earth Valley.....	Winnabago City.....	" " " " " "	W. T. Rigby.....	Wm. V. Davie.....	W. W. Quiggle.....	O. J. Wulf.....	1 and 3 Wed.
22	Clearwater.....	Wright.....	" " " " " "	W. M. Selby.....	Fred Welch.....	C. D. Whittemore.....	E. F. Ruder.....	2 and 4 Wed.
23	Morning Star.....	Houston.....	" " " " " "	J. C. H. Engel.....	D. C. Sours.....	D. A. Luther.....	W. A. Shaw.....	1 and 3 Sat.
24	Anoka.....	Anoka.....	" " " " " "	J. C. H. Engel.....	Wm. H. Baer.....	C. Jackson.....	S. C. Page.....	1 and 3 Sat.
25	King Hiram.....	Lordan.....	" " " " " "	G. E. Read.....	Wm. H. Baer.....	C. Jackson.....	S. C. Page.....	2 and 4 Fri.
26	Sakata.....	Waterville.....	" " " " " "	H. E. Blair.....	C. A. Backman.....	H. G. Schulz.....	G. E. Fuller.....	1 and 3 Sat.
27	Star in the East.....	Owatonna.....	" " " " " "	N. J. Schlar.....	C. W. Bardic.....	James Morton.....	M. B. Chadwick.....	2 and 4 Wed.
28	Oriental.....	Canon Falls.....	" " " " " "	H. E. Conley.....	J. H. Metz.....	E. C. Tupper.....	G. E. Fuller.....	1 and 3 Sat.
29	Mount Moriah.....	Hastings.....	" " " " " "	Henry Frieseler.....	W. S. Tuttle.....	A. F. Torrence.....	J. A. Wilson.....	1 and 3 Mon.
30	Preston.....	Fillmore.....	" " " " " "	Elias Luit.....	F. A. Tinkham.....	Henry Napson.....	W. H. De Kay.....	1 and 3 Mon.
31	Mystic Tie.....	Fine Island.....	" " " " " "	W. W. Jewell.....	F. S. Newton.....	D. W. Johnson.....	Julius Johnson.....	2 and 4 Wed.
32	Washington.....	Goodhue.....	" " " " " "	T. J. Dykes.....	J. G. McCarthy.....	C. Lindstedt.....	D. W. Davenport.....	2 and 4 Wed.
33	Fidelity.....	Moravia.....	" " " " " "	S. A. Emerson.....	George Hirsch.....	R. C. Gardner.....	M. M. Severns.....	2 and 4 Wed.
34	Carnelian.....	Lake City.....	" " " " " "	W. M. McKostie.....	Abbot E. Smith.....	D. C. Shepherd.....	C. H. Wibour.....	1 and 3 Sat.
35	Hermion.....	Goodhue.....	" " " " " "	C. B. Anderson.....	F. G. Marvin.....	H. J. Klein.....	E. J. Manning.....	2 and 4 Tus.
36			" " " " " "				C. E. Johnson.....	1 and 3 Tus.

42	Hope.....	Glencoe.....	McLeod.....	Oct. 28, '63	R. S. Miles.....	L. W. Gilbert.....	B. F. Allen.....	S. Raymond.....	1 and 3 Sat.
43	Harmony.....	Lewiston.....	Winona.....	" 28, '63	C. H. Need.....	F. M. Curtis.....	L. J. Baldwin.....	O. W. Hunt.....	1 and 3 Mon.
44	King Solomon.....	Shakopee.....	Scott.....	" 28, '63	H. J. Peck.....	J. M. Newell.....	L. M. Bailey.....	T. A. Thayer.....	1 and 3 Tue.
45	Evergreen.....	Le Sueur.....	Winona.....	" 26, '64	H. D. Baxter.....	H. T. Meyer.....	J. E. Maynard.....	G. W. Taylor.....	1 and 3 Sat.
46	Concord.....	Troy.....	Le Sueur.....	" 26, '64	S. D. Draper.....	M. H. Fuller.....	W. E. Walker.....	W. B. Hesselgren.....	1 and 3 Sat.
47	Concord.....	Cleveland.....	Rice.....	" 26, '64	Corlett Hill.....	A. Wendelschafer.....	George Davis.....	J. W. Chambers.....	Ev. 5th Sat.
48	Social.....	Northfield.....	Rice.....	" 26, '64	F. L. White.....	E. N. James.....	W. A. Hunt.....	D. H. Lord.....	1 and 3 Wed.
49	Rising Sun.....	St. Charles.....	Winona.....	" 26, '64	F. A. Johnson.....	J. M. Hayes.....	C. N. Clark.....	W. J. Berner.....	1 and 3 Ths.
50	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	Carver.....	" 25, '65	R. A. Johnson.....	J. M. Holiday.....	A. J. Tarvin.....	C. G. Halgren.....	
51	Acacia.....	Cottage Grove.....	Washington.....	" 25, '65	F. S. Coffin.....	I. T. Morey.....	C. Lawanne.....	Peter Thompson.....	
52	Cannon River.....	Morristown.....	Rice.....	" 25, '65	C. Sweetser.....	E. J. Whitbread.....	H. D. Widrick.....	J. C. Temple.....	
53	Nicollet.....	St. Peter.....	Nicollet.....	" 25, '65	Wm. H. Pearce.....	F. N. Osterhout.....	J. P. Danby.....	J. C. Temple.....	1 and 3 Tus.
54	Zion.....	Taylor Falls.....	Chicago.....	" 24, '66	W. X. Folsom.....	E. B. Patten.....	Albert Berg.....	E. S. Pettjohn.....	2 and 4 Wed.
55	Meridian.....	Chaffee.....	Fillmore.....	" 24, '66	W. H. Murphy.....	O. O. Ballard.....	T. R. Hamilton.....	G. W. Seymour.....	1 and 3 Wed.
56	Blue Earth City.....	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	" 24, '67	J. H. Sprout.....	Wm. H. Ellwood.....	S. W. Graham.....	W. H. Silsbee.....	1 and 3 Wed.
57	Spring Valley.....	Fillmore.....	Fillmore.....	" 24, '67	B. F. Farmer.....	G. F. Constans.....	T. W. Whitfield.....	W. Whitfield.....	1 and 3 Sat.
58	Hutchinson.....	McLeod.....	McLeod.....	" 24, '67	H. L. Merrill.....	J. O. Pierce.....	T. O. Kilburn.....	A. R. Holman.....	1 and 3 Sat.
59	Star in the West.....	Stearns.....	Stearns.....	" 24, '67	George Fish.....	J. Wm. W. Sivright.....	Lyman Carr.....	E. J. Stearns.....	1 and 3 Sat.
60	Ashtab.....	Fillmore.....	Fillmore.....	" 24, '67	H. E. Doty.....	C. S. Allen.....	J. F. Dimon.....	L. M. Kells.....	2 and 4 Tus.
61	Star.....	Rockford.....	Wright.....	" 24, '67	D. R. Thompson.....	A. F. Rockwell.....	J. F. Wood.....	L. H. Jeffrey.....	1 and 3 Mon.
62	Illustrious.....	Plainview.....	Wabasha.....	" 24, '67	G. R. Hall.....	J. R. Ames.....	D. R. Ames.....	J. M. Powers.....	1 and 3 Sat.
63	Chain Lake.....	Fairmont.....	Washington.....	" 24, '67	James McHench.....	J. W. Mallory.....	E. R. Cornwell.....	L. D. Colby.....	1 and 3 Sat.
64	Golden Rule.....	Lakeland.....	Washington.....	" 24, '67	R. H. Sanderson.....	G. F. Wohlthetes.....	Charles Pearson.....	R. M. Ward.....	2 and 4 Tus.
65	Madella.....	Watsonwan.....	Watsonwan.....	" 24, '67	J. A. Clark.....	O. F. Thomas.....	Frank Jackson.....	H. J. Hansen.....	1 and 3 Sat.
66	Corinthian.....	Dakota.....	Dakota.....	" 24, '67	E. Z. Needham.....	M. W. Dossett.....	D. C. Hopkins.....	H. J. W. Murphy.....	1 and 3 Wed.
67	Mystic Star.....	Fillmore.....	Fillmore.....	" 24, '67	G. W. Rockwell.....	L. J. Amble.....	J. E. Orcutt.....	A. L. Needham.....	1 and 3 Sat.
68	Paynesville.....	Paynesville.....	Paynesville.....	" 24, '67	A. L. Elliott.....	M. W. Neiderkorn.....	C. E. Wilmarth.....	E. A. Sykes.....	1 and 3 Sat.
69	Lansing.....	Lansing.....	Mower.....	Jan. 13, '69	R. A. Carr.....	R. J. Tuttle.....	J. C. W. Siver.....	E. R. Phipps.....	2 and 4 Sat.
70	Brownsville.....	Brownsville.....	Houston.....	" 13, '69	David See.....	F. J. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	O. C. La Bor.....	2 and 4 Sat.
71	Eureka.....	Le Roy.....	Mower.....	" 13, '69	C. A. Roy.....	H. L. Knight.....	C. J. Roy.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Mon.
72	Joppa.....	Waseca.....	Waseca.....	" 13, '69	J. G. Graham.....	L. S. Terry.....	A. A. Handy.....	I. M. Wyckoff.....	1 and 3 Sat.
73	Mystic Circle.....	Houston.....	Houston.....	" 13, '69	E. G. Wood.....	C. H. Young.....	A. J. Hanson.....	I. R. Thompson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
74	Palentine.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	" 13, '69	W. C. Raasig.....	C. T. Olson.....	M. J. Wastie.....	Walter Child.....	1 and 3 Sat.
75	Henderson.....	Sibley.....	Sibley.....	" 14, '70	W. B. Patton.....	R. S. Pownell.....	G. H. Williams.....	Anton Larson.....	2 and 4 Ths.
76	Constellation.....	Douglas.....	Douglas.....	" 14, '70	E. L. Welch.....	J. D. Simpson.....	Wm. Drehtche.....	Edwin Mooers.....	2 and 4 Fri.
77	Howard.....	Howard.....	Howard.....	" 14, '70	F. R. Van Hoesen.....	R. S. Wright.....	Wm. Drehtche.....	H. A. Seignuret.....	1 and 3 Sat.
78	Huron Abi.....	Money Creek.....	Money Creek.....	" 14, '70	M. Trautman.....	Wm. Lassing.....	L. S. Wright.....	O. J. Richards.....	1 and 3 Sat.
79	High Forest.....	High Forest.....	High Forest.....	" 12, '71	T. Robinson.....	Samuel Lord.....	H. W. Brown.....	W. S. Smith.....	2 and 4 Wed.
80	Mazeppa.....	Wabasha.....	Wabasha.....	" 12, '71	Frank Dean.....	Charles Tiffany.....	J. H. Butler.....	H. Anthoney.....	1 and 3 Wed.
81	Wells.....	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	" 12, '71	G. W. Hall.....	D. C. Whitlock.....	L. Crumb.....	G. L. Butler.....	1 and 3 Sat.
82	Litchfield.....	Meeker.....	Meeker.....	" 12, '71	J. M. Nye.....	H. E. Robinson.....	J. B. Gregoire.....	E. E. Buck.....	1 and 3 Wed.
83	Golden Fleece.....	Jackson.....	Jackson.....	" 10, '72	A. D. Ross.....	C. N. Andrews.....	Peter Belous.....	F. W. Calkins.....	1 and 3 Sat.
84	Good Faith.....	Redwood Falls.....	Redwood Falls.....	" 10, '72	Wm. V. King.....	C. Bertelson.....	Wm. Fellows.....	A. Johnson.....	1 and 3 Ths.
85	Antiquity.....	Princeton.....	Princeton.....	" 10, '72	George Drake.....	H. J. Hoovel.....	D. W. Strong.....	H. Stevens.....	2 and 4 Fri.
86	Princeton.....	Princeton.....	Princeton.....	" 10, '72	Wm. Cordiner.....	C. A. Jack.....	A. Chadbourne.....	W. R. Ellsworth.....	1 and 3 Sat.
87								O. W. McMillan.....	1 and 3 Wed.
88								C. A. Dickey.....	2 Wed.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES — Continued.

No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
93	Unity	Sank Rapids	Benton	Jan. 10, '72	A. W. Gordon	J. A. Senn	C. A. Moody	Wm. Sartell	1 and 3 Sat.
94	Keystone	Sleepy Eye	Brown	" 10, '72	F. P. James	L. P. Larson	J. M. Knudson	O. W. Hagen	1 and 3 Tus.
95	Sherburne	Elk River	Sherburne	" 10, '72	W. F. Chadbourne	Andrew Davis	Adm. Wood	D. R. Houston	1 and 3 Tus.
96	Libanus	St. James	Watonswan	" 15, '73	M. E. Mullen	G. H. Denton	G. W. Hiles	Swen Swenson	2 and 4 Tus.
97	Prudence	Windom	Cottonwood	" 15, '73	John Hutton	G. E. Le Tourneau	T. C. Collins	W. H. Benbow	1 and 3 Wed.
98	Charity	New Ulm	Brown	" 15, '73	Albert Marden	Ernst Brand	Theo. Crone, Jr.	Ole M. Olsen	2 and 4 Tus.
99	Corner Stone	Fergus Falls	Otter Tail	" 15, '73	A. Brandenburg	M. T. McMahon	A. E. Weatherston	M. K. Swartz	1 and 3 Fri.
100	Aurora	Brainerd	Crow Wing	" 15, '73	Wm. H. Bondy	B. S. Malory	W. H. Umsted	Frank Lewis	1 and 3 Mon.
101	Fraternity	Worthington	Nobles	" 15, '73	Chas. W. Smith	Frank R. Durfee	H. C. Shepard	M. G. Fellows	1 and 3 Fri.
102	Lebanon	Lanesboro	Fillmore	" 15, '73	M. V. Bean	P. J. Hawley	A. W. Patterson	E. C. Hamlin	1 and 3 Fri.
103	Bethel	Lake Crystal	Blue Earth	" 15, '73	W. R. Robinson	O. W. Williams	S. H. Merrill	F. E. Hoard	2 and 4 Sat.
104	Sharon	Willmar	Kandiyohi	" 15, '73	F. C. Furber	L. P. Larson	C. E. Harnbeck	C. D. Wackman	1 and 3 Sat.
105	Mt. Tabor	Detroit	Becker	" 14, '74	J. E. Getman	John Andrews	George Myers	Ed. Johnson	2 and 4 Sat.
106	Relief	Dodge Centre	Dodge	" 14, '74	Wm. F. Dussell	H. H. Ketchum	F. W. Sturtevant	Ole Johnson	2 and 4 Sat.
107	Sunset	Montevideo	Chippewa	Mar. 10, '74	Geo. Sainsbury	Lyndon A. Smith	C. E. Rhodin	C. D. Suffrin	1 and 3 Sat.
108	Pickwick	Pickwick	Winona	Jan. 13, '75	John S. Nelson	Edward Peterson	O. C. Clausen	C. A. Alnau	1 and 3 Fri.
109	Carver	Carver	Carver	" 13, '75	James Elwin	George B. Bowler	L. R. Thurston	H. J. Alnau	2 and 4 Fri.
110	Excelsior	Minneapolis	Hennepin	" 13, '75	A. S. Dimond	F. F. Farrow	M. H. Swedberg	I. R. Taylor	1 and 3 Fri.
111	Ren. Franklin	Luverne	Rock	" 13, '75	Chas. O. Hawes	Jens O. Helgeson	Ezra Dickerman	John Kelley	2 and 4 Sat.
112	Elgin	Brownsdale	Wabasha	" 13, '75	J. W. Bryant	W. J. Rice	R. P. Holton	W. P. Holton	1 and 3 Sat.
113	Ladayette	Granite Falls	Mower	" 11, '76	Charles Gage	G. W. Gray	W. P. Barker	J. N. Thatcher	1 and 3 Sat.
114	Granite	Newport	Washington	" 11, '76	M. C. Sullivan	W. J. Rice	Anthony Fritz	O. J. Fosson	1 and 3 Tus.
115	Delta	Marshall	Lyon	" 11, '76	J. Q. McIntosh	J. D. Carroll	C. C. Gurnsey	W. A. Kewson	2 and 4 Wed.
116	Grand Meadow	Grand Meadow	Mower	" 11, '76	M. E. Mathews	C. T. Gorbey	Philip Schlegel	P. T. Elliot	2 and 4 Fri.
117	Kellogg	Blooming Prairie	Wabasha	" 11, '76	Wm. H. Bentley	A. C. Parkhurst	John Irish	L. O. Cook	2 and 4 Sat.
118	Prairie	Janesville	Steele	" 11, '76	G. M. Wolfe	J. C. Treat	C. D. Johnson	A. G. Rogers	2 and 4 Wed.
119	Winnow	Winnow	Waseca	" 10, '77	John C. Brainerd	James V. Kee	G. C. Gufelisch	W. W. Krueger	2 and 4 Tus.
120	Moorehead	Moorehead	Hennepin	" 10, '77	D. J. Dodge	O. H. Brown	H. W. Alsop	H. W. Alsop	2 and 4 Tus.
121	Josephus	Benson	Blue Earth	" 10, '77	W. P. Douglas	E. C. F. Hansen	Carroll A. Nye	J. S. Slater	2 and 4 Wed.
122	Swift	Benson	Swift	" 10, '77	J. S. Eaton	Wm. R. Plymouth	J. O. Agasson	J. S. Taylor	2 and 4 Tus.
123	Arcturus	Red Wing	Goodhue	" 16, '78	E. D. Morris	G. M. Harlow	F. Otto	O. Whinnan	2 and 4 Tus.
124	Alma	Lytle	Mower	" 16, '78	E. L. Shulley	Otis J. Fluent	H. N. Peterson	John O. Myhre	2 and 4 Tus.

132	Humboldt.....	Young America.....	Carver.....	Jan. 16, '88	A. F. Truwe.....	A. O. Malmgren.....	A. Ackermann.....	2 and 4 Mon.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	Cokato.....	Stevens.....	16, '78	F. A. Hancock.....	Wm. F. Cooley.....	Wm. C. Bicknell.....	1 and 3 Sat.
134	Cokato.....	Buffalo.....	Wright.....	15, '79	John P. Olson.....	Thos. Smithson.....	John H. Ecklund.....	1 and 3 Tns.
135	Nelson.....	Walnut Grove.....	Redwood.....	15, '79	A. J. Griswold.....	H. H. Turner.....	A. Evans.....	2 and 4 Mon.
136	Walnut.....	Appleton.....	Swift.....	14, '80	A. J. Wilkinson.....	W. H. Maxwell.....	F. F. Goff.....	1 and 3 Sat.
137	Orion.....	Verona.....	Kandiyohi.....	14, '80	S. M. Sivertson.....	James H. Strong.....	A. D. Countryman.....	2 and 4 Sat.
138	Vendable.....	Little Falls.....	Madena.....	14, '80	Theo. Farmington.....	John H. Williams.....	C. E. Macomber.....	1 and 3 Tns.
139	Little Falls.....	Crookston.....	Morrison.....	14, '80	John H. Rhoades.....	J. W. Berg.....	Benj. Lalone.....	1 and 3 Tns.
140	Crookston.....	Polk.....	Murray.....	12, '81	A. R. McDermott.....	F. D. Skinner.....	F. F. Turner.....	1 and 3 Tns.
141	Crookston.....	Big Stone.....	Stearns.....	12, '81	John McCullum.....	P. H. Foote.....	Wm. W. Goble.....	1 and 4 Mon.
142	Crookston.....	Stearns.....	Kennepin.....	12, '81	George Crowley.....	W. H. Whitney.....	John Van Allen.....	1 and 3 Sat.
143	Lakeview.....	Stearns.....	Yellow Med'ne.....	12, '81	Henry Cummings.....	T. R. Cummings.....	Peter M. Coles.....	1 and 3 Sat.
144	Bird Island.....	Stearns.....	Pipestone.....	11, '82	W. C. Briggs.....	A. L. Brown.....	Geo. W. Allen.....	1 and 3 Sat.
145	Melrose.....	Stearns.....	McLeod.....	11, '82	Wm. A. Wallace.....	Ed. Padden.....	E. S. Donaldson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
146	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Marshall.....	11, '82	Lewis Gwalt.....	F. Greiner, Jr.....	G. S. Watlam.....	1 and 3 Wed.
147	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Wilkin.....	10, '83	George I. Becker.....	Wm. H. Carter.....	M. Melvin.....	1 and 3 Wed.
148	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Traverse.....	10, '83	B. F. Ashelman.....	A. J. Elsie.....	H. W. Rupp.....	1 and 3 Tns.
149	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Norman.....	10, '83	H. M. Workman.....	W. J. Richard.....	A. C. Gerber.....	1 and 3 Tns.
150	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Wadena.....	10, '83	L. W. Babcock.....	J. T. McCulloch.....	A. D. Baker.....	1 and 3 Sat.
151	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Otter Tail.....	10, '83	H. B. Ostrander.....	W. D. Griffith.....	O. A. Austin.....	1 and 3 Fri.
152	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Todd.....	14, '85	G. R. Chipman.....	Willard Gutches.....	Wm. E. Kemp.....	2 and 4 Sat.
153	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Hennepin.....	14, '85	F. M. Churchill.....	L. O. Merriam.....	A. S. Strauss.....	2 and 4 Sat.
154	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Grant.....	14, '85	E. W. Snyder.....	W. R. Holly.....	W. H. Dean.....	2 and 4 Sat.
155	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Pine.....	14, '85	G. H. Brinkman.....	G. C. Brungenen.....	P. M. Ermentrout, Jr.....	1 and 3 Mon.
156	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Hennepin.....	13, '86	Chas. H. Lee.....	Josiah J. Squires.....	W. H. Townsend.....	1 and 3 Tns.
157	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Ramsey.....	13, '86	Daniel Getty.....	Frank Gunther.....	Robert B. Ware.....	2 and 4 Fri.
158	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Wilkin.....	13, '86	W. D. Cross.....	James M. King.....	J. D. Markham.....	1 and 3 Sat.
159	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Clay.....	13, '86	H. B. Farwell.....	B. Y. McNairy.....	G. F. Mitchell.....	2 and 4 Tns.
160	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Murray.....	12, '87	Frank D. Bell.....	Wm. Dinsmore.....	John E. Extrand.....	2 and 4 Wed.
161	Canby.....	Stearns.....	St. Paul.....	12, '87	Clinton Wilson.....	George B. Siles.....	L. J. Hart.....	1 and 3 Wed.
162	Canby.....	Stearns.....	St. Paul.....	12, '88	Alex. H. Strain.....	George F. Dix.....	Charles Potter.....	1 and 3 Tns.
163	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Lac qui Parle.....	12, '88	M. K. Nelson.....	Charles J. Orton.....	A. E. Taylor.....	1 and 3 Mon.
164	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Pope.....	12, '88	Peter Peterson.....	W. F. Dougherty.....	R. T. McAdam.....	1 and 3 Mon.
165	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Nobles.....	12, '88	C. H. Brunsmaid.....	A. J. Rice.....	Becher Fream.....	2 and 4 Tns.
166	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Hennepin.....	12, '88	W. H. Nichols.....	W. W. Thomson.....	F. J. Haskell.....	2 and 4 Sat.
167	Canby.....	Stearns.....	Scott.....	12, '88			C. E. Chamberlain.....	1 and 3 Tns.
168	Canby.....	Stearns.....					C. D. Brumfield.....	1 and 3 Wed.
169	Canby.....	Stearns.....					H. A. Hamlin.....	1 and 3 Mon.
170	Canby.....	Stearns.....					E. E. Chamberlain.....	2 and 4 Wed.
171	Canby.....	Stearns.....					F. J. Whitlock.....	1 and 3 Mon.
172	Canby.....	Stearns.....					Chas. C. Sharp.....	1 and 3 Mon.
173	Canby.....	Stearns.....					Frank Hubbert.....	2 and 4 Tns.
174	Canby.....	Stearns.....					D. B. Stanley.....	2 and 4 Sat.
175	Canby.....	Stearns.....					C. J. Reeves.....	1 and 3 Tns.
176	Canby.....	Stearns.....					C. E. Chamberlain.....	1 and 3 Wed.
177	Canby.....	Stearns.....					H. A. Hamlin.....	1 and 3 Mon.
178	Canby.....	Stearns.....					E. E. Chamberlain.....	2 and 4 Wed.

APPENDIX B—DIRECTORY OF SUBORDINATE LODGES—Concluded.

No.	LODGE.	LOCATION.		DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
		TOWN.	COUNTY.						
178	Anchor.....	Royalton.....	Morrison.....	Jan 12, '88	W. Dragoo.....	John H. Russell.....	G. A. Hallenbeck.....	E. A. Boutwell.....	2 and 4 Wed.
179	King David.....	Elmore.....	Faribault.....	" 17, '89	G. B. Franklin.....	H. H. Tremain.....	A. Higley.....	J. P. Thorne.....	2 and 4 Sat.
180	Osakis.....	Cloquet.....	Douglas.....	" 17, '89	G. R. Rabbitt.....	William A. Yates.....	H. A. Shedd.....	Wm. H. Crowe.....	1 and 3 Ths.
181	Dalles.....	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	" 17, '89	W. A. Wright, Sr.....	Albert Cox.....	A. Knowles.....	Leroy A. Fish.....	1 and 3 Mon.
182	Fair Haven.....	Stearns.....	Stearns.....	" 16, '90	C. E. Kimble.....	P. S. Rudolph.....	L. H. Munger.....	J. H. Eller.....	1 and 3 Ths.
183	Pelican Rapids.....	Otter Tail.....	Stearns.....	" 16, '90	W. C. Crandall.....	Hans Mickleson.....	G. D. Mandigo.....	O. A. Burdick.....	1 and 3 Mon.
184	Shell.....	Park Rapids.....	Hubbard.....	" 16, '90	Peter Turnbull.....	P. D. Winslip.....	G. D. Mandigo.....	Henry C. Mead.....	1 and 3 Ths.
185	Midway.....	St. Paul.....	Ramsey.....	" 16, '90	R. E. Denfield.....	Milton L. Bevanus.....	W. T. Rich.....	R. D. Bloomfield.....	1 and 3 Fri.
186	Ionic.....	Duluth.....	St. Louis.....	" 16, '90	J. H. Bradish.....	A. B. Wolvin.....	F. E. Lazier.....	S. L. Frazer.....	2 and 4 Mon.
187	Arcana.....	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	" 16, '90	R. Stewart.....	Frank H. Ring.....	J. D. Tolman.....	Dan. C. Brown.....	2 and 4 Mon.
188	Fortitude.....	Two Harbors.....	Lake.....	" 16, '90	J. T. Cook.....	J. D. Budd.....	J. E. Therrien.....	C. D. Campbell.....	2 and 4 Tue.
189	Triune.....	Wheaton.....	Traverse.....	" 15, '91	S. W. Frazer.....	B. A. Provost.....	C. H. Colyer.....	T. K. Mork.....	2 and 4 Tue.
190	Triune.....	Merriam Park.....	Ramsey.....	" 15, '91	D. F. Brooks.....	Blinn Converse.....	A. C. Hickman.....	S. G. Cobb.....	1 and 3 Tue.
191	Mizpah.....	South St. Paul.....	Dakota.....	" 15, '91	Paul Miller.....	Lyman Chandlee.....	C. C. Geer.....	E. G. Converse.....	1 and 3 Sat.
192	Crow River.....	New London.....	Kandiyohi.....	" 15, '91	C. Johnson.....	Thos. Randall.....	C. S. Russell.....	John A. Berg.....	1 and 3 Sat.
193	Amboy.....	Amboy.....	Blue Earth.....	" 15, '91	C. M. Greene.....	O. A. Moland.....	S. S. Russell.....	S. L. Allen.....	1 and 3 Wed.
194	Canton.....	Canton.....	Fillmore.....	" 15, '91	H. H. Haskins.....	J. H. Dale.....	S. S. Russell.....	C. Abbott.....	1 and 3 Tue.
195	Kenville.....	Kenville.....	Renville.....	" 15, '91	J. T. Brooks.....	J. H. Dale.....	S. S. Russell.....	S. M. McIntosh.....	1 and 3 Wed.
196	Geneva.....	Madison.....	Lac qui Parle.....	" 15, '91	H. L. Hayden.....	S. E. Farnham.....	T. F. Norton.....	M. Horn.....	1 and 3 Tue.
197	Vermilion.....	Tower.....	St. Louis.....	" 15, '91	W. N. Shepard.....	R. Rossiter.....	M. E. Pierce.....	F. G. Brown.....	1 and 3 Tue.
198	Euclid.....	West Duluth.....	St. Louis.....	" 15, '91	M. C. Burnside.....	G. J. Mallory.....	C. E. Dinehart.....	E. D. Home.....	1 and 3 Tue.
199	Murray.....	Slayton.....	Murray.....	" 15, '91	E. H. Whitney.....	John H. Low.....	C. E. Dinehart.....	W. B. Stine.....	2 and 4 Sat.

* Saturday preceding full moon.
† Saturday on or before full moon.
‡ Wednesday in week moon fulls.
§ Saturday on or before full moon and two weeks thereafter.
|| Monday of week moon fulls.
¶ Tuesday on or before full moon.

APPENDIX C—ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Starting No.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Total Decrease.	Exempt.	Dues.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Fees.	Dues and Fees.	Restored.	Joined.	Present Membership.	Amount Paid.
1	St. Johns.....	151	4	20	.....	4	28	2	\$93.40	7	7	7	\$21.00	\$81.40	.....	.....	163	\$81.40
2	Catact.....	364	7	9	.....	2	19	2	133.60	22	19	13	54.00	187.60	.....	11	5	187.60
3	St. Paul.....	194	7	11	.....	3	19	.....	70.00	13	13	13	39.00	109.00	1	1	360	109.00
4	Hennepin.....	373	10	3	.....	2	20	.....	141.20	31	30	29	90.00	231.20	5	19	466	234.00
5	Ancient Landmark..	433	10	3	.....	2	18	.....	166.00	19	22	22	63.00	229.00	1	15	453	229.00
6	Dakota.....	112	6	.....	.....	2	7	2	40.80	5	5	3	13.00	53.80	.....	107	53.80	53.80
7	Red Wing.....	95	4	.....	.....	2	14	2	34.40	1	1	1	4.00	38.40	1	1	92	38.40
8	Faribault.....	141	3	10	.....	1	7	2	58.80	3	3	3	9.00	67.80	3	3	136	59.80
9	Mankato.....	49	5	.....	.....	2	7	2	44.00	6	5	6	18.00	62.00	.....	55	55	36.80
10	Wapasha.....	117	5	.....	.....	1	3	2	28.40	1	1	1	16.00	44.40	2	2	117	59.60
11	Monticello.....	76	2	.....	.....	1	7	2	20.80	4	3	2	9.00	29.80	.....	77	77	31.40
12	Hokah.....	52	1	.....	.....	1	1	2	17.60	4	3	2	.....	17.60	.....	54	54	20.80
13	Winona.....	217	4	3	.....	6	13	2	86.80	13	13	11	37.00	123.80	1	6	222	117.80
14	Minneapolis.....	463	15	20	.....	1	36	2	170.80	37	34	33	104.00	274.80	.....	21	481	274.80
15	Caladonia.....	39	2	.....	.....	1	3	2	13.60	1	1	1	3.00	16.60	.....	1	38	16.60
16	Rochester.....	190	5	1	.....	1	6	2	57.60	7	7	5	19.00	76.60	.....	1	150	76.60
17	Pleasant Grove.....	40	2	3	.....	1	2	2	13.20	2	2	2	6.00	19.20	3	.....	40	19.20
18	North Star.....	137	5	.....	.....	1	6	2	51.60	5	4	4	13.00	64.60	1	6	142	64.60
19	Wilton.....	35	1	.....	.....	1	2	2	12.40	2	2	2	6.00	18.40	.....	35	35	18.40
20	Western Star.....	109	7	4	.....	1	11	2	38.40	3	3	3	9.00	47.40	.....	3	106	47.40
21	Blue Earth Valley...	69	1	.....	.....	2	4	2	27.20	7	7	4	18.00	45.20	1	.....	73	46.40
22	Clearwater.....	49	1	1	.....	2	4	2	17.20	.....	3	1	2.00	19.20	.....	1	47	19.20
23	Morning Star.....	40	.....	6	.....	2	6	2	12.80	3	3	4	10.00	22.80	.....	2	40	22.80
24	Anoka.....	135	3	2	.....	2	7	1	50.80	5	4	4	13.00	63.80	.....	2	134	61.80
25	King Hiram.....	37	4	.....	.....	2	4	2	13.20	1	1	2	4.00	17.20	3	1	39	17.20
26	Sakatah.....	60	3	.....	.....	2	4	2	22.00	4	4	3	11.00	33.00	1	1	62	33.00
27	Star in the East.....	96	2	.....	.....	2	4	2	36.80	3	3	1	2.00	38.80	.....	1	94	38.80
28	Oriental.....	47	.....	.....	.....	2	2	2	18.80	3	3	2	8.00	26.80	1	.....	50	27.20
29	Mount Moriah.....	88	2	.....	.....	2	2	2	33.60	4	3	1	6.00	39.60	.....	.....	87	39.60
30	Preston.....	112	3	.....	.....	1	4	2	42.40	9	7	8	24.00	66.40	2	.....	118	66.40
31	Mystic Tie.....	49	2	.....	.....	1	2	2	18.00	.....	1	1	1.00	19.00	.....	.....	48	18.00
32	Washington.....	37		1			1	2	13.60	1	1	2	4.00	17.60		1	39	17.60

ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS—Continued.

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39	Fidelity.....	144	2			2	4		\$56.00	8	7	6	\$21.00	\$77.00		3	149	\$77.00
40	Carnelian.....	90	20						35.20	2	2	3	7.00	42.20		2	63	42.20
41	Heron.....	70	7	.....	.....	.....	7	1	24.80	1	1	.....	2.00	26.80	1	1	63	37.40
42	Hope.....	58	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	22.40	5	5	.....	15.00	37.40	.....	2	41	37.40
43	Harmony.....	32	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.20	11	11	.....	33.00	44.20	.....	.....	44	38.80
44	King Solomon.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00	4	4	4	12.00	28.00	.....	.....	76	38.80
45	Union.....	80	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.80	3	2	2	7.00	35.80	.....	.....	23	38.80
46	Evergreen.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	.....	.....	20	11.00
47	Concord.....	27	.....	.....	.....	1	1	2	9.60	2	.....	.....	.....	11.60	.....	.....	20	37.80
48	Social.....	90	4	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	33.20	1	3	1	5.00	38.20	.....	2	86	37.80
49	Rising Sun.....	94	7	.....	.....	.....	6	2	33.20	5	7	7	19.00	\$2.20	.....	4	96	32.20
50	Watertown.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.80	1	1	1	3.00	13.80	.....	.....	30	43.40
51	Acacia.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	15.60	3	2	2	7.00	22.60	1	.....	45	22.60
52	Cannon River.....	44	3	.....	.....	.....	2	2	15.60	3	2	1	4.00	19.60	.....	1	44	19.60
53	Nicollet.....	95	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2	36.80	3	3	3	9.00	45.80	1	.....	101	45.80
54	Zion.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.20	3	3	3	7.00	24.20	.....	1	49	44.20
55	Meridian.....	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	52.40	8	7	7	22.00	74.40	1	.....	139	74.40
56	Blue Earth City.....	67	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	25.60	2	3	3	8.00	33.60	.....	1	71	33.60
57	Spring Valley.....	89	4	.....	.....	2	7	2	32.00	3	3	3	9.00	41.00	3	2	90	41.00
58	Temple.....	89	2	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	34.40	10	11	8	29.00	63.40	.....	1	95	63.40
59	Star in the West.....	72	4	.....	.....	.....	4	2	26.40	2	3	3	8.00	34.40	1	3	73	34.40
60	Ashler.....	55	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.00	3	1	1	5.00	25.00	.....	.....	53	25.00
61	Star.....	30	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	11.20	6	6	5	7.00	18.20	1	3	34	19.00
62	Illustrous.....	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	26.40	9	6	2	17.00	43.40	.....	.....	71	43.40
63	Chain Lake.....	63	3	.....	.....	.....	1	2	23.20	5	2	2	10.00	33.20	2	1	66	33.20
64	Golden Lake.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12.00	2	2	2	6.00	18.00	.....	.....	36	18.00
65	Madella.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	9.20	2	3	3	8.00	17.20	.....	.....	28	17.20
66	Corinthian.....	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.40	.....	.....	.....	1.00	19.40	.....	.....	48	19.40
67	Mystic Star.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00	7	5	4	16.00	32.00	.....	1	47	32.00
69	Paynesville.....	51	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	19.20	3	3	3	7.00	26.20	.....	.....	53	26.20
71	Lansing.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	3	3	3	9.00	17.80	.....	.....	25	17.80
72	Brownsville.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.80	.....	.....	22	8.80
73	Eureka.....	45	1	.....	.....	2	3	.....	16.80	3	3	3	9.00	25.80	.....	.....	45	25.40

76	Joppa.....	46	4	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	12.80	6	6	6	18.00	30.80	38	30.80
77	Tuscan.....	86	1	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	33.20	7	6	5	18.00	51.20	92	51.20
78	Mystic Crle.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	6.40	.....	.....	.....	9.00	15.40	21	15.40
79	Falestine.....	201	10	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	75.20	17	18	18	53.00	128.20	228	128.20
80	Henderson.....	48	8	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	17.20	4	3	3	10.00	27.20	49	27.20
81	Constellation.....	68	2	5	.....	.....	4	.....	23.60	4	5	5	14.00	37.60	70	37.60
82	Howard.....	62	2	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	24.00	3	4	4	11.00	35.00	70	39.00
83	Huron Abi.....	65	1	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	24.00	8	9	10	27.00	51.00	71	51.00
84	Orient.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.00	22	8.00
85	High Forest.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	14.40	2	2	2	6.00	20.40	40	20.40
86	Tyrian.....	63	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	22.40	1	1	1	3.00	25.40	60	25.40
87	Doric.....	46	2	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	16.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.80	45	16.80
88	Golden Fleece.....	142	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55.60	.....	5	3	15.00	70.60	143	70.60
89	Good Faith.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	12.40	3	2	3	8.00	20.40	35	20.40
90	Antiquy.....	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	25.20	2	.....	.....	5.00	30.20	66	30.20
91	Frernal.....	44	1	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	16.40	9	6	5	20.00	36.40	47	36.40
92	Unity.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	17.20	4	5	5	14.00	31.20	48	31.20
93	Keystone.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	19.60	2	4	4	12.00	31.60	54	39.60
94	Sherburne.....	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	10.40	8	5	4	8.00	18.40	82	18.40
95	Libanus.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	29.20	4	.....	.....	17.00	46.20	82	46.20
96	Prudence.....	76	1	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	29.20	4	.....	.....	7.00	26.20	51	26.20
97	Charity.....	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	40.00	11	10	11	32.00	72.00	117	72.00
98	Corner Stone.....	117	13	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	44.80	7	5	5	17.00	61.80	126	58.60
99	Aurora.....	120	5	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	26.80	5	5	5	15.00	41.80	74	41.80
100	Fraternity.....	72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.40	18	6.40
101	Lebanon.....	21	3	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	6.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	59.20	53	59.20
102	Bethel.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	15.20	14	15	15	44.00	59.20	53	59.20
103	Bethel.....	103	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	15.60	2	3	3	7.00	22.60	44	22.60
104	Sharon.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	17.60	13	9	9	31.00	48.60	57	48.60
105	Mt. Labor.....	48	2	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	20.80	11	12	11	34.00	54.80	61	54.40
106	Relief.....	54	6	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	36.00	5	4	4	13.00	49.00	97	49.00
107	Sunset.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	15.60	2	4	4	7.00	22.60	43	22.60
108	Pickwick.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	18.80	2	.....	.....	9.00	17.80	43	17.80
109	Carver.....	26	12	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	12.40	11	9	10	30.00	44.40	301	44.40
110	Klurum.....	399	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	18.40	5	4	3	11.00	29.40	54	29.40
111	Excelsior.....	51	3	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	19.60	5	4	3	14.00	33.60	62	33.60
112	Ben. Franklin.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	21.60	2	.....	.....	4.00	23.60	56	27.20
113	Ely.....	60	3	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	16.00	7	7	7	21.00	37.00	48	37.00
114	Elgin.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	16.00	.....	.....	.....	16.00	35.60	58	35.60
115	Lalayette.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	19.60	5	6	6	18.00	29.20	7	43
116	Granite.....	53	4	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	11.20	6	.....	.....	15.00	29.20	43	29.20
117	Newport.....	34	4	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	20.40	2	.....	.....	14.00	34.40	58	34.40
118	Delta.....	53	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	15.60	5	4	3	7.00	22.60	44	22.60
119	Grand Meadow.....	43	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.40	11	4.40
120	Kellogg.....	19	4	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.00	27	10.00
121	Prairie.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	16.80	1	1	1	3.00	19.80	45	20.00
122	Janesville.....	44	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	15.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.60	35	15.60
123	Winslow Lewis.....	38	3	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	13.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
124	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
125	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS—Concluded.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Starting No.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Suspended or Expelled.	Died.	Total Decrease.	Exempt.	Dues.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Fees.	Dues and Fees.	Restored.	Joined.	Present Membership.	Amount Paid.
126	Moorhead.....	31	7	1		2	10		\$8.40	1	4	4	\$9.00	\$17.40	1	3	29	\$17.40
128	Josephus.....	45							17.20					19.20			43	19.20
129	Swift.....	46	1				1	2	17.20		2	1	6.00	23.20			46	23.20
130	Arturus.....	50							19.20	12	8	8	3.00	22.20	1	1	52	22.20
131	Alma.....	51		4		1	6		18.00		2	2	28.00	46.00			55	46.00
132	Humboldt.....	30	4				4		10.40	2	2	2	6.00	16.40			28	16.40
133	Golden Sheaf.....	77	4				4	2	28.40	4	4	5	14.00	42.40			78	42.40
134	Cokato.....	36	3				4		13.20	1	5	2	24.00	37.20		1	43	37.20
135	Nelson.....	32	1				1		12.00	2	2		6.00	18.00		3	36	18.00
136	Walnut.....	23							9.20					9.20			23	9.20
137	Appleton.....	63	4				4	1	23.20	1	1	1	3.00	26.20		1	61	26.20
138	Orion.....	39		2					13.20					21.20			36	21.20
139	Vendale.....	20	1	3			4	1	13.20	4	4	1	6.00	15.60			26	15.60
140	Little Falls.....	50	1				2		9.60					25.60		2	51	24.40
141	Crookston.....	104	4				5		39.60	9	4	3	13.00	52.60		2	104	52.60
142	Currie.....	38	2			1	2	2	13.60				5.00	18.60			39	17.80
143	Lakeview.....	50		15		1	16		13.60	1	2	3	7.00	20.60			37	19.00
144	Bird Island.....	25	2				2	2	8.40	1	1	1	3.00	11.40		1	26	10.20
145	Melrose.....	33	1				2		11.20	1	1	1	3.00	14.20			31	14.20
146	Benton.....	34					2		12.80	2	2	2	7.00	19.80			36	19.40
147	Canby.....	42	1			1	2		16.00	1	1	1	5.00	21.00			41	21.00
148	Quarry.....	60	1			2	3		26.40	6	6	6	18.00	44.40		3	75	40.80
149	Gardian.....	27	2				2		10.00	1	2	2	10.00	20.00			29	20.00
150	Warren.....	42	1		1		2		16.00	1	2	2	5.00	21.00		2	44	21.00
151	Chaska.....	20							11.60					11.60			29	11.60
152	Frontier.....	43	1	3			4		14.80	4	5	7	16.00	30.80		2	46	30.80
153	Kodakva.....	32	2			1	3		11.60	6	4	3	11.00	22.60		2	34	22.60
154	Norman.....	26	10	2			12	2	4.80	4	4	4	13.00	17.80			18	17.80
155	Tracy.....	44						1	17.20	3	3	3	5.00	22.20		2	49	22.20
156	Wadena.....	58	2				2		22.40	3	4	5	12.00	34.40			61	36.80
157	Perham.....	36	1				1	2	13.20	2	2	2	7.00	20.20			38	20.20
158	Hector.....	33	1			1	2		8.40	3	3	2	6.00	14.40	1	2	25	14.40
159	Long Prairie.....	32							12.80	8	4	5	20.00	32.80		5	42	36.40

160	Plymouth.....	86	2	2	1	33.20	7	9	8	24.00	57.20	102	57.20
161	Sincerity.....	30	2	2	2	10.40	3	2	2	7.00	17.40	31	27.40
162	Prescott.....	34	2	2	2	72.80	21	19	5	12.00	24.80	36	24.80
163	Summit.....	159	6	8	1	60.00	21	4	21	61.00	121.00	182	121.00
164	Jasper.....	34	1	2	1	12.80	4	10	6	14.00	26.80	39	26.80
165	Minnehaha.....	32	1	2	2	31.60	6	9	3	28.00	59.60	94	59.60
166	Garnet.....	34	1	1	2	12.40	4	5	9	11.00	23.40	38	23.40
167	Agate.....	30	2	2	2	12.00	5	8	9	15.00	27.00	37	27.00
168	Biden.....	55	2	2	2	15.20	7	5	9	24.00	43.20	61	43.20
169	Pierson.....	30	2	2	2	28.20	4	4	9	18.00	27.20	50	25.60
170	Fulda.....	12	2	2	2	6.00	6	11	3	18.00	22.00	19	22.00
171	Shelkna.....	56	2	2	2	21.60	6	11	11	28.00	49.60	70	49.60
172	Marietta.....	21	1	1	1	7.20	2	2	2	6.00	13.20	21	13.20
173	Plumb Line.....	36	10	10	1	9.60	2	1	1	5.00	14.60	27	14.60
174	Valley.....	22	1	1	1	8.00	5	4	4	13.00	21.00	25	21.00
175	Ronan Eagle.....	21	2	2	2	7.60	6	7	7	19.00	26.60	29	26.60
176	Ark.....	116	2	4	4	44.80	17	17	16	50.00	94.80	157	93.80
177	Rough Ashler.....	22	1	1	1	8.40	1	2	1	4.00	12.40	22	12.40
178	Anchor.....	31	1	1	1	11.60	1	2	1	11.60	11.60	30	11.60
179	King David.....	20	2	2	2	7.20	3	4	4	11.00	18.20	25	18.20
180	Osakis.....	24	1	1	2	8.80	2	2	2	6.00	14.80	26	14.80
181	Dalles.....	32	1	1	2	12.40	11	10	9	30.00	42.40	45	42.40
182	Fair Haven.....	18	2	2	2	6.40	2	2	3	7.00	13.40	21	13.40
183	Pelican Rapids.....	14	2	2	2	5.60	3	2	2	7.00	12.60	16	12.60
184	Shed.....	18	2	2	2	6.40	10	10	9	29.00	35.40	27	35.40
185	Midway.....	14	2	2	2	5.60	11	10	10	31.00	36.60	27	36.60
186	Ionic.....	30	2	2	2	12.00	11	11	11	33.00	45.00	47	45.00
187	Arcana.....	31	3	3	2	10.40	12	9	9	30.00	40.40	37	40.40
188	Fortitude.....	15	1	1	2	5.60	20	23	23	66.00	71.60	38	71.60
189	Traverse, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	13	9	9	31.00	31.00	31	31.00
190	Twin Cite, U. D.....	12	1	1	1	13.00	12	12	12	37.00	37.00	37	37.00
191	Minpah, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
192	Crow River, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
193	Amboy, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
194	Canton, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
195	Kenville, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
196	Geneva, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
197	Vermilion, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
198	Zenith, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
199	West Duluth, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
200	Witoka.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
201	Slayton, U. D.....	7	1	1	1	12.00	10	10	10	30.00	30.00	30	30.00
Totals.....		11,606	403	174	13	107	697	184	891	\$2,687.00	\$5,976.60	351	\$6,977.60

APPENDIX D.

PAY ROLL—1891.

GRAND OFFICERS.	MILE- AGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
M. W. Jacob A. Kiester, G. M.			\$6.00	J. A. Kiester.
R. W. Alphonso Barto, D. G.	\$7.05	\$6.00	13.05	A. Barto.
R. W. W. F. Dickinson, S. G. W.	6.90	6.00	12.90	W. F. Dickinson.
R. W. Chas. D. Boyce, J. G. W.	.50	6.00	6.50	C. D. Boyce.
R. W. J. H. Thompson, G. T.	.50	6.00	6.50	J. H. Thompson.
R. W. Thos. Montgomery, G. S.		6.00	6.00	Thos. Montgomery.
W. L. D. Boynton, G. C.	.50	6.00	6.50	L. D. Boynton.
W. H. C. Shepard, S. G. D.	4.15	6.00	10.15	H. C. Shepard.
W. C. L. Baxter, J. G. D.	13.60	6.00	19.60	C. L. Baxter.
W. H. T. King, G. M.	1.00	6.00	7.00	H. T. King.
W. Chas. Sweetser, G. St. B.	2.65	6.00	8.65	C. Sweetser by R. L. Blair.
W. A. D. Countryman, G. S. B.	6.16	6.00	12.16	A. D. Countryman.
W. Elias Lint, S. G. S.	8.20	6.00	14.20	E. Lint.
W. J. S. Nelson, J. G. S.	1.65	6.00	7.65	John S. Nelson.
W. Alex. D. Ross, G. P.	4.55	6.00	10.55	A. D. Ross.
W. J. C. Fischer, G. T.		6.00	6.00	J. C. Fischer.
PAST GRAND OFFICERS.				
Chas. W. Nash, P. G. M.	.50	6.00	6.50	C. W. Nash.
Chas. Griswold, P. G. M.		6.00	6.00	Chas. Griswold.
E. W. Durant, P. G. M.	1.00	6.00	7.00	E. W. Durant.
H. R. Wells, P. G. M.	6.50	6.00	12.50	H. R. Wells.
H. R. Denny, P. G. M.		6.00	6.00	H. R. Denny.
R. H. Gove, P. G. M.	3.70	6.00	9.70	R. H. Gove.
W. T. Rigby, P. D. G. M.	5.00	6.00	11.00	W. T. Rigby.
Geo. H. Davis, P. D. G. M.	8.24	6.00	14.24	Geo. H. Davis.
Thos. Lombard, P. S. G. W.	1.35	6.00	7.35	Thos. Lombard.
Samuel E. Adams, P. S. G. W.	.50	6.00	6.50	S. E. Adams.
Edgar Nash, P. S. G. W.	.50	6.00	6.50	Ed. Nash.
L. Z. Rogers, P. S. G. W.	2.61	6.00	8.61	L. Z. Rogers.
Wm. Lee, P. J. G. W.	1.00	6.00	7.00	Wm. Lee.
E. P. Barnum, P. J. G. W.	7.00	6.00	13.00	E. P. Barnum.
C. H. Smith, P. J. G. W.		6.00	6.00	C. H. Smith.
Albert Marden, P. J. G. W.	4.15	6.00	10.15	A. Marden.
Geo. S. Acker, P. J. G. W.		6.00	6.00	Geo. S. Acker.
COMMITTEE ON LODGE RETURNS.				
J. E. Cooley (4 days)	8.70	12.00	20.70	J. E. Cooley.
W. F. Dickinson (2 days)		6.00	6.00	W. F. Dickinson.

PAY ROLL, 1891—Continued.

NO.	REPRESENTATIVES.	MILEAGE 1891.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
1	St. Johns.....	\$1.00	\$6.00	\$7.00	T. C. Clark.
2	Cataract.....	.50	6.00	6.50	S. Raymond.
3	St. Paul.....		6.00	6.00	James F. Lawless.
4	Hennepin.....	.50	6.00	6.50	J. H. Randall.
5	Ancient Landmark.....		6.00	6.00	I. B. B. Sprague.
6	Dakota.....	.80	6.00	6.80	W. W. Weeks.
7	Red Wing.....	1.65	6.00	7.65	H. A. Buel.
8	Faribault.....	2.10	6.00	8.10	L. Hawley.
11	Mantorville.....	2.67	6.00	8.67	C. A. Miller.
12	Mankato.....	3.25	6.00	9.25	Geo. W. Mead.
14	Wapahasa.....	2.80	6.00	8.80	H. M. Dugan.
16	Monticello.....	2.85	6.00	8.85	H. Kreis.
17	Hokah.....	5.30	6.00		
18	Winona.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	C. C. Clement.
19	Minneapolis.....	.50	6.00	6.50	H. M. Myers.
20	Caledonia.....	6.40	6.00	12.40	H. Wheaton.
21	Rochester.....	4.75	6.00	10.75	W. L. Brackenridge.
22	Pleasant Grove.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	W. W. Parkinson.
23	North Star.....	4.50	6.00	10.50	J. H. Lufkin.
24	Wilton.....	3.90	6.00	9.90	John Elmore.
26	Western Star.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	H. A. House.
27	Blue Earth Valley.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	A. C. Dunn.
29	Morning Star.....	5.05	6.00	11.05	Fred Welch.
30	Anoka.....	1.50	6.00	7.50	J. C. H. Engel.
31	King Hiram.....	1.35	6.00	7.35	Geo. B. Read.
32	Sakatah.....	2.61	6.00	8.60	H. E. Blair.
33	Star in the East.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	N. J. Schaffer.
34	Oriental.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	J. H. Metz.
35	Mount Moriah.....	.80	6.00	6.80	H. Freseler.
36	Preston.....	6.50	6.00	12.50	E. Lint for Foote.
37	Mystic Tie.....	4.50	6.00	10.50	W. W. Jewell.
38	Washington.....	2.55	6.00	8.55	J. G. McCarthy.
39	Fidelity.....	3.95	6.00	9.95	S. A. Emerson.
40	Carnelian.....	2.35	6.00	8.35	W. M. McRostie.
41	Hermion.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	C. B. Anderson.
42	Hope.....	2.47	6.00	8.47	B. S. Miles.
43	Harmony.....	5.27	6.00	11.27	C. H. Neeb.
44	King Solomon.....		6.00	6.00	H. J. Peck.
45	Union.....	2.20	6.00	8.20	H. D. Baxter.
47	Concord.....	3.25	6.00	9.25	Corlett Hill.
48	Social.....	1.60	6.00	7.60	Frank L. White.
49	Rising Sun.....	4.45	6.00	10.45	R. A. Johnson.
50	Watertown.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	F. S. Coffin.
51	Acacia.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	J. T. Morey.
52	Cannon River.....	2.90	6.00	8.90	F. H. Osterhout.
54	Nicollet.....	2.75	6.00	8.75	W. H. Hall.
55	Zion.....	1.80	6.00	7.80	W. X. Folsom.
56	Meridian.....	8.10	6.00	14.10	W. W. Murphy.
57	Blue Earth City.....	7.15	6.00	13.15	J. H. Sprout.
58	Spring Valley.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	B. F. Farmer.
59	Temple.....	2.80	6.00	8.80	Harry L. Merrill.
60	Star in the West.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	Geo. Fish.
61	Ashler.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	H. E. Doty.
62	Star.....	2.30	6.00	8.30	D. D. Ames.
63	Illustrious.....	5.70	6.00	11.70	Geo. R. Hall.
64	Chain Lake.....	5.35	6.00	11.35	Jas. McHench.
65	Golden Rule.....	1.00	6.00	7.00	R. H. Sanderson.
66	Madelia.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. A. Clark.
67	Corinthian.....	1.05	6.00	7.05	J. M. D. Craft.
69	Mystic Star.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	G. W. Rockwell.
71	Paynesville.....	3.80	6.00	9.80	R. J. Tuttle.
72	Lansing.....	5.15	6.00	11.15	F. A. Carll.
73	Brownsville.....	5.45	3.35	8.80	E. M. Winslow.
75	Eureka.....	5.10	6.00	11.10	C. A. Roy.
76	Joppa.....	3.95	6.00	9.95	J. G. Graham.
77	Tuscan.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	C. H. Young.
78	Mystic Circle.....	5.47	6.00	11.47	W. C. Raasig.

PAY ROLL, 1891—Continued.

NO.	REPRESENTATIVES.	MILEAGE 1891.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
79	Palestine.....	\$5.80	\$6.00	\$11.80	W. B. Patton.
80	Henderson.....	3.05	6.00	9.65	E. L. Welch.
81	Constellation.....	8.50	6.00	14.50	F. B. Van Hoesen.
82	Howard.....	3.16	6.00	9.16	E. Y. Chilton.
83	Huram Abi.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	M. Trautman.
84	Orient.....	5.45	2.55	8.00	T. Robinson.
85	High Forest.....	5.25	6.00	11.25	Frank Dean.
86	Tyrian.....	4.85	6.00	10.85	G. W. Hall.
87	Doric.....	4.65	6.00	10.65	D. Straw.
89	Golden Fleece.....	4.55	6.00	10.55	A. D. Ross, for Bertelson.
90	Good Faith.....	6.30	6.00	12.30	W. V. King.
91	Antiquity.....	4.60	6.00	10.60	Geo. Drake.
92	Fraternal.....	3.60	6.00	9.60	Wm. Cordiner.
93	Unity.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	A. W. Gordon.
94	Keystone.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	L. P. Larson.
95	Sherburne.....	2.45	6.00	8.45	W. F. Chadbourne.
96	Libanus.....	4.65	6.00	10.65	M. E. Mullen.
97	Prudence.....	6.00	6.00	12.00	John Hutton.
98	Charity.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	Ernst Brandt.
99	Corner Stone.....	11.30	6.00	17.30	A. Brandenburg.
100	Aurora.....	8.24	6.00	14.24	T. C. Bivins
101	Fraternity.....	8.80	6.00	14.80	C. W. Smith.
103	Bethel.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	W. R. Robinson.
104	Sharon.....	6.80	6.00	12.80	E. S. Blomfield.
106	Mt. Tabor.....	12.25	6.00	18.25	J. C. Furber.
108	Relief.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	J. E. Getman.
109	Sunset.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	W. F. Dussell.
110	Pickwick.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. M. Rutherford.
112	Khurum.....	.50	6.00	6.50	James Elwin.
113	Excelsior.....	1.10	6.00	7.10	A. S. Dimond.
114	Ben Franklin.....	8.30	6.00	14.30	C. O. Hawes.
115	Elgin.....	5.60	6.00	11.60	E. Dickerman.
116	Lafayette.....	4.10	6.00	10.10	C. Gage.
117	Granite.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	M. C. Sullivan.
118	Newport.....	.50	6.00	6.50	J. Q. McIntosh.
119	Delta.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	M. E. Mathews.
121	Grand Meadow.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	A. T. Golberg.
122	Kellogg.....	4.40	.....	4.40	M. K. Wolfe.
123	Prairie.....	3.42	6.00	9.42	C. W. Treat.
124	Janesville.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	D. J. Dodge.
125	Winslow Lewis.....	1.40	6.00	7.40	S. W. Sawyer.
128	Josephus.....	3.65	6.00	9.65	J. E. Brown.
129	Swift.....	7.95	6.00	13.95	W. R. Smith.
131	Alma.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	J. O. Myhre.
133	Golden Sheaf.....	9.40	6.00	15.40	F. A. Hancock.
134	Cokato.....	3.55	6.00	9.55	J. P. Olson.
135	Nelson.....	1.70	6.00	7.70	Thomas Smithson.
137	Appleton.....	6.16	6.00	12.16	J. T. Wilkinson.
138	Orion.....	5.40	6.00	11.40	E. A. D. Salter.
139	Verndale.....	9.60	6.00	15.60	B. Lalone.
141	Crookston.....	17.60	6.00	23.60	M. R. Brown.
142	Currie.....	7.46	6.00	13.46	A. R. Endersbee.
143	Lakeview.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	J. McCallom.
144	Bird Island.....	4.00	6.00	10.00	Geo. Crowley.
146	Benton.....	7.95	6.00	13.95	John R. Taylor.
147	Canby.....	8.55	6.00	14.55	H. Beiseker.
148	Quarry.....	12.10	6.00	18.10	Chas. Mylius.
149	Guardian.....	4.30	6.00	10.30	A. L. Brown.
152	Frontier.....	12.45	6.00	18.45	Lewis Gewalt.
153	Kodahya.....	12.20	6.00	18.20	H. W. Dezottell.
154	Norman.....	11.80	6.00	17.80	B. F. Ashelman.
155	Tracy.....	6.95	6.00	12.95	H. M. Workman.
156	Wadena.....	10.60	6.00	16.60	John Dower.
158	Hector.....	3.70	6.00	9.70	H. B. Ostrander.
159	Long Prairie.....	8.15	6.00	14.15	E. A. Fisher.
160	Plymouth.....	.50	6.00	6.50	Geo. Chipman.
161	Sincerity.....	7.82	6.00	13.82	F. M. Churchill.

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No.	REPRESENTATIVES.	MILEAGE 1891.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL PAID.	TO WHOM PAID.
162	Prescott	\$13.50	\$6.00	\$19.50	E. W. Snyder.
163	Summit		6.00	6.00	C. F. F. Abbott.
164	Jasper	2.15	6.00	8.15	H. J. Brinkman.
165	Minnehaha	.50	6.00	6.50	Chas. H. Lee.
166	Garnet	.30	6.00	6.30	D. Getty per King.
167	Agate	11.60	6.00	17.60	W. D. Cross.
168	Braden		6.00	6.00	H. B. Farwell.
169	Pierson	13.08	6.00	19.08	Frank D. Bell.
170	Fulda	6.75	6.00	12.75	C. Wilson.
171	Shekinah		6.00	6.00	Geo. F. Dix.
172	Marietta	7.30	6.00	13.20	Alex. H. Strain.
173	Plumb Line	4.50	6.00	10.50	M. K. Nelson.
174	Valley	5.70	6.00	11.70	P. Peterson.
175	Roman Eagle	7.60	6.00	13.60	O. S. Melick.
176	Ark	.50	6.00	6.50	C. H. Brinsmaid.
177	Rough Ashler	1.60	6.00	7.60	F. J. Whitlock.
178	Anchor	5.50	6.00	11.60	Wm. Dragoo.
179	King David	4.55	6.00	10.55	G. B. Franklin.
180	Osakis	7.80	6.00	13.80	G. R. Babbitt.
181	Dalles	5.40	6.00	11.40	W. A. Wright.
182	Fair Haven	2.50	6.00	8.50	C. E. Kimble.
184	Shell	16.88	6.00	22.88	B. D. Winship.
185	Midway			6.00	P. McCallum.
186	Ionic	5.80	6.00	11.80	R. E. Denfeld.
187	Arcana	.50	6.00	6.50	J. H. Bradish.
188	Fortitude	5.80	6.00	11.80	R. Stewart.
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APPENDIX E.

NAMES OF LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Osakis.....	180
Anoka.....	30	Guardian.....	149	Pleasant Grove.....	22
Acacia.....	31	Garnet.....	166	Preston.....	36
Ashler.....	61	Geneva.....	196	Paynesville.....	71
Antiquity.....	91	Hennepin.....	4	Palestine.....	79
Aurora.....	100	Hokah.....	17	Prudence.....	97
Arcturus.....	130	Herman.....	41	Pickwick.....	110
Alma.....	131	Hope.....	42	Prairie.....	123
Appleton.....	137	Harmony.....	43	Perham.....	157
Agate.....	167	Henderson.....	80	Plymouth.....	160
Ark.....	176	Howard.....	82	Prescott.....	162
Anchor.....	178	Huram Abl.....	83	Pierson.....	169
Arcana.....	187	High Forest.....	85	Plumb Line.....	173
Amboy.....	193	Humboldt.....	132	Pelican Rapids.....	183
Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Hector.....	158	Quarry.....	148
Blue Earth City.....	57	Illustrious.....	63	Red Wing.....	8
Brownsville.....	73	Ionic.....	186	Rochester.....	21
Bethel.....	103	Joppa.....	76	Rising Sun.....	49
Ben. Franklin.....	114	Janesville.....	124	Relief.....	108
Bird Island.....	144	Josephus.....	128	Roman Eagle.....	175
Benton.....	146	Jasper.....	164	Rough Asler.....	177
Braden.....	168	King.....	31	Renville.....	195
Cataract.....	2	King Solomon.....	44	St. Johns.....	1
Caledonia.....	20	Keystone.....	94	St. Paul.....	3
Clearwater.....	28	Khurum.....	112	Sakatah.....	32
Carnelian.....	40	Kellogg.....	122	Star in the East.....	33
Concord.....	47	Kodahya.....	153	Social.....	48
Cannon River.....	52	King David.....	179	Spring Valley.....	58
Chain Lake.....	64	Kenyon.....	U. D.	Star in the West.....	60
Corinthian.....	67	Lausling.....	72	Star.....	62
Constellation.....	81	Libanus.....	96	Sherburne.....	95
Charity.....	98	Lebanon.....	102	Sharon.....	104
Corner Stone.....	99	Lafayette.....	116	Sunset.....	109
Carver.....	111	Lakeview.....	143	Swift.....	129
Cokato.....	134	Long Prairie.....	159	Sincerity.....	161
Crookston.....	141	Little Falls.....	140	Summit.....	163
Currie.....	142	Mantorville.....	11	Shekinah.....	171
Canby.....	147	Mankato.....	12	Shell.....	184
Chaska.....	151	Monticello.....	16	Temple.....	59
Crow River.....	192	Minneapolis.....	19	Tuscan.....	77
Canton.....	194	Morning Star.....	29	Tyrian.....	86
Dakota.....	7	Mount Moriah.....	35	Tracy.....	155
Doric.....	87	Mystic Tie.....	37	Traverse.....	189
Delta.....	119	Meridian.....	56	Triune.....	190
Dalles.....	181	Madelia.....	66	Union.....	45
Evergreen.....	46	Mystic Star.....	69	Unity.....	93
Eureka.....	75	Mystic Circle.....	78	Verndale.....	139
Excelsior.....	113	Mt. Tabor.....	106	Valley.....	174
Elgin.....	115	Moorhead.....	126	Vermillion.....	197
Euclid.....	198	Melrose.....	145	Wapahasa.....	14
Faribault.....	9	Minnehaha.....	165	Winona.....	18
Fidelity.....	39	Marietta.....	172	Wilton.....	24
Fraternal.....	92	Midway.....	185	Western Star.....	26
Fraternity.....	101	Mizpah.....	191	Washington.....	38
Frontier.....	152	Murray.....	198	Watertown.....	59
Fulda.....	170	North Star.....	23	Winslow Lewis.....	125
Fair Haven.....	182	Nicollet.....	54	Walnut.....	136
Fortitude.....	188	Newport.....	118	Warren.....	150
Golden Rule.....	65	Nelson.....	135	Wadena.....	156
Golden Fleece.....	89	Norman.....	154	Witoka.....	U. D.
Good Faith.....	90	Oriental.....	84	Zion.....	55
Granite.....	117	Orient.....	84	Zenith.....	U. D.
Grand Meadow.....	121	Orion.....	138		

APPENDIX F.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Ada.....	Norman.....	154	Howard.....	Howard.....	82
Adrian.....	Roman Eagle.....	175	Hutchinson.....	Temple.....	59
Albert Lea.....	Western Star.....	26	Jackson.....	Good Faith.....	90
Alexandria.....	Constellation.....	81	Janesville.....	Janesville.....	124
Alma City.....	Wilton.....	24	Jordan.....	King Hiram.....	31
Amboy.....	Amboy.....	193	Kasson.....	Huram Abi.....	83
Anoka.....	Anoka.....	30	Kellogg.....	Kellogg.....	122
Appleton.....	Appleton.....	137	Kenyon.....	Kenyon.....	U. D.
Austin.....	Orion.....	138	La Crescent.....	Morning Star.....	29
Belle Plaine.....	Fidelity.....	39	Lake Benton.....	Benton.....	146
Benson.....	Rough Ashler.....	177	Lake City.....	Carnellian.....	40
Bird Island.....	Swift.....	129	Lake Crystal.....	Bethel.....	103
Blooming Prairie.....	Bird Island.....	144	Lakeland.....	Golden Rule.....	65
Blue Earth City.....	Prairie.....	123	Lanesboro.....	Lebanon.....	102
Brainerd.....	Blue Earth City.....	57	Lansing.....	Lansing.....	72
Breckenridge.....	Aurora.....	100	Le Roy.....	Eureka.....	75
Browns Valley.....	Frontier.....	152	Le Sueur.....	Union.....	45
Brownsville.....	Kodahya.....	153	Lewiston.....	Harmony.....	43
Brownsdale.....	Brownsville.....	73	Litchfield.....	Golden Fleece.....	89
Brownston.....	Lafayette.....	116	Little Falls.....	Little Falls.....	140
Buffalo.....	Guardian.....	149	Long Prairie.....	Long Prairie.....	159
Caledonia.....	Nelson.....	135	Luverne.....	Ben. Franklin.....	114
Campbell.....	Caledonia.....	20	Lyle.....	Alma.....	131
Canby.....	Agate.....	167	Madelia.....	Madelia.....	66
Cannoy.....	Canby.....	147	Madison.....	Geneva.....	196
Cannon Falls.....	Oriental.....	34	Maine Prairie.....	Plumb Line.....	173
Canton.....	Canton.....	104	Mankato.....	Mankato.....	12
Carver.....	Carver.....	111	Mantorville.....	Mantorville.....	11
Chaska.....	Chaska.....	151	Marietta.....	Marietta.....	172
Chatfield.....	Meridian.....	56	Marshall.....	Delta.....	119
Clearwater.....	Clearwater.....	28	Mapleton.....	Josephus.....	128
Cleveland.....	Concord.....	47	Mazeppa.....	Tyrian.....	86
Cloquet.....	Dalles.....	181	Melrose.....	Melrose.....	145
Cokato.....	Cokato.....	134	Minneapolis.....	Cataract.....	2
Cottage Grove.....	Acacia.....	51	Minneapolis.....	Hennepin.....	4
Crookston.....	Crookston.....	141	Minneapolis.....	Minneapolis.....	19
Currie.....	Currie.....	142	Minneapolis.....	Khurum.....	112
Detroit.....	Mt. Tabor.....	106	Minneapolis.....	Plymouth.....	160
Dodge Centre.....	Relief.....	108	Minneapolis.....	Minnehaha.....	165
Duluth.....	Palestine.....	79	Minneapolis.....	Ark.....	176
Duluth.....	Ionic.....	186	Minneapolis.....	Arcana.....	187
Elgin.....	Elgin.....	115	Money Creek.....	Orient.....	84
Elk River.....	Sherburne.....	95	Montevideo.....	Sunset.....	109
Elmore.....	King David.....	179	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	16
Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	113	Moorhead.....	Moorhead.....	126
Eyota.....	Ashler.....	61	Morris.....	Golden Sheaf.....	133
Fair Haven.....	Fair Haven.....	182	Morristown.....	Cannon River.....	52
Fairmount.....	Chain Lake.....	64	New Barnesville.....	Pierson.....	169
Faribault.....	Faribault.....	9	New London.....	Crow River.....	192
Farmington.....	Corinthian.....	67	Newport.....	Newport.....	118
Fergus Falls.....	Corner Stone.....	99	New Ulm.....	Charity.....	98
Fulda.....	Fulda.....	170	Northfield.....	Social.....	48
Glencoe.....	Hope.....	42	Ortonville.....	Lakeview.....	143
Glenwood.....	Valley.....	174	Osakis.....	Osakis.....	180
Good Thunder.....	Joppa.....	76	Osseo.....	Winslow Lewis.....	125
Grand Meadow.....	Grand Meadow.....	121	Owatonna.....	Star in the East.....	33
Granite Falls.....	Granite.....	117	Park Rapids.....	Shell.....	184
Hastings.....	Dakota.....	7	Paynesville.....	Paynesville.....	71
Hastings.....	Mt. Moriah.....	35	Pelican Rapids.....	Pelican Rapids.....	183
Hector.....	Hector.....	158	Perham.....	Perham.....	157
Henderson.....	Henderson.....	80	Pickwick.....	Pickwick.....	110
Hermant.....	Prescott.....	162	Pine Island.....	Mystic Tie.....	37
High Forest.....	High Forest.....	85	Pipestone.....	Quarry.....	148
Hokah.....	Hokah.....	17	Plainview.....	Illustrious.....	63
Houston.....	Mystic Circle.....	78	Pleasant Grove.....	Pleasant Grove.....	22

APPENDIX F—*Concluded.*LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.—*Concluded.*

LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	LODGE.	No.
Preston.....	Preston	36	St. Paul.....	Triune.....	190
Princeton.....	Fraternal	92	St. Peter.....	Nicollet.....	54
Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	8	Taylor's Falls.....	Zion.....	55
Red Wing.....	Arcturus.....	130	Tower.....	Vermillion.....	197
Redwood Falls.....	Antiquity.....	91	Tracy.....	Tracy.....	153
Renville.....	Renville.....	195	Troy.....	Evergreen.....	46
Rochester.....	Rochester.....	21	Two Harbors.....	Fortitude.....	188
Rockford.....	Star.....	62	Verndale.....	Verndale.....	139
Royalton.....	Anchor.....	178	Villard.....	Sincerity.....	161
Rush City.....	Jasper.....	164	Wabasha.....	Wapahosa.....	14
Rushford.....	Mystic Star.....	69	Wadena.....	Wadena.....	156
Sauk Centre.....	Star in the West..	60	Walnut Grove.....	Walnut.....	136
Sauk Rapids.....	Unity.....	93	Warren.....	Warren.....	150
Shakopee.....	King Solomon.....	44	Waseca.....	Tuscan.....	77
Slayton.....	Murray.....	199	Watertown.....	Watertown.....	50
Sleepy Eye.....	Keystone.....	94	Waterville.....	Sakatah.....	32
South St. Paul.....	Mizpah.....	191	Wells.....	Doric.....	87
Springfield.....	Zenith.....	U. D.	West Concord.....	Washington.....	38
Spring Valley.....	Spring Valley.....	58	West Duluth.....	Euclid.....	168
Stillwater.....	St. Johns.....	1	Wheaton.....	Traverse.....	189
St. Charles.....	Rising Sun.....	49	White Bear.....	Garnet.....	166
St. Cloud.....	North Star.....	23	Willmar.....	Sharon.....	104
St. James.....	Libanus.....	90	Windom.....	Prudence.....	97
St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	3	Winnebago City..	Blue Earth Valley	27
St. Paul.....	Ancie't Landm'rk	5	Winona.....	Winona.....	18
St. Paul.....	Summit.....	163	Witoka.....	Witoka.....	U. D.
St. Paul.....	Brad.....	168	Worthington.....	Fraternity.....	101
St. Paul.....	Shekinah.....	171	Young America.....	Humboldt.....	132
St. Paul.....	Midway.....	185	Zumbrota.....	Hermion.....	41



In Memory of

JOHN H. BROWN,

Most Worshipful Grand Master,

1887 and 1888.

*Born in Vermont, May 1, 1824. Died at Willmar, Minn.,
Jan. 20, 1890.*

"Farewell, great heart, e'er fraught
With true masonic zeal;
Farewell, wise head, that taught
So much for human weal."





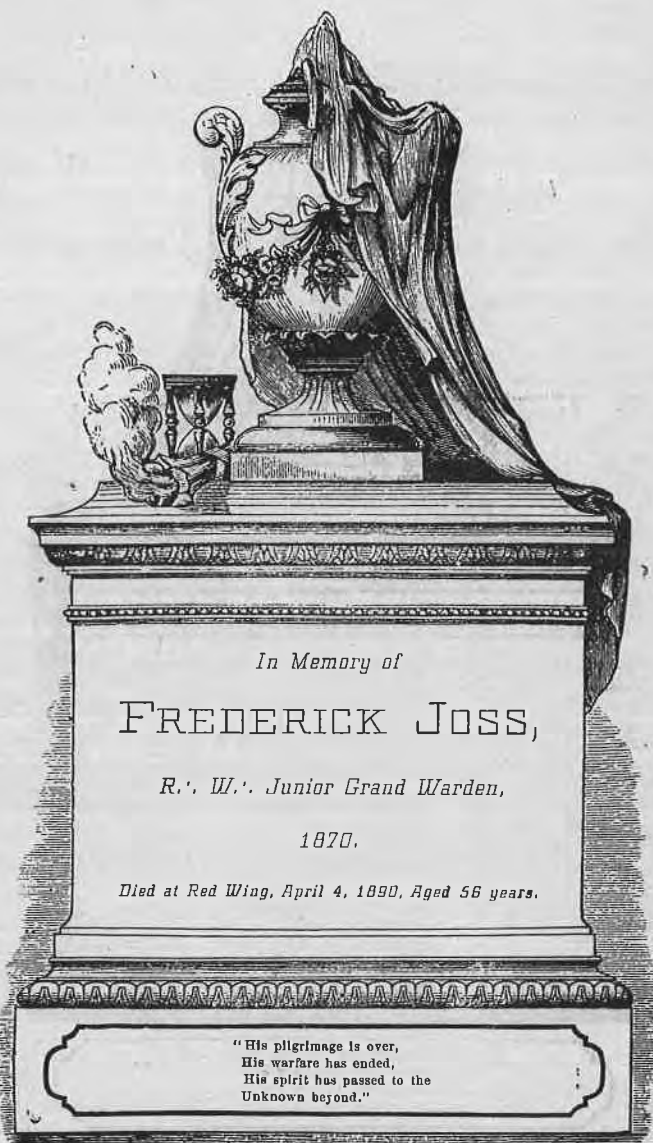
In Memory of
GEORGE W. LAMSON,

R. W. Grand Orator.

1886.

Died at St. Paul, March 16, 1890.

"He fought the fight, he kept the faith,
His fame shines bright and clear,
And his memory lives in loving hearts
Which will hold him ever dear."



In Memory of

FREDERICK JOSS,

R. V. W. Junior Grand Warden,

1870.

Died at Red Wing, April 4, 1890, Aged 56 years.

"His pilgrimage is over,
His warfare has ended,
His spirit has passed to the
Unknown beyond."

APPENDIX G.

IN MEMORY OF DECEASED BRETHREN.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
2	Cataract.....	C. A. Coe.....	Mar. 1, 1890.
		G. S. Curtis	Sept. 29, 1890.
		L. L. Knox.....	Nov. 28, 1890.
		C. D. Kingsley.....	Dec. 27, 1890.
3	St. Paul.....	James F. Pannell....	Feb. 1, 1890.
		Wm. R. Ischerwood..	May 23, 1890.
		Eugene Finch	Oct. 8, 1890.
4	Hennepin	S. I. Wing.....	Jan. 14, 1890.
		C. H. Benton.....	Nov. 10, 1890.
5	Ancient Landmark	James N. Elkins	Jan. 8, 1890.
		Geo. W. Lamson.....	Mar. 16, 1890.
		Jay Owens.....	April 17, 1890.
		Stanley Proudfit.....	April 20, 1890.
		James W. Imeson.....	Nov. 21, 1890.
7	Dakota.....	Chas. A. Baker	Mar. 22, 1890.
		Fred Schurch.....	June 12, 1890.
8	Red Wing	Henry J. McGiverin..	Jan. 12, 1890.
		Frederick Joss.....	April 4, 1890.
		S. A. Freestedt	Oct. 19, 1890.
9	Faribault.....	Joseph P. Smith	Oct. 27, 1890.
12	Mankato.....	Andrew Hanna	Mar. 13, 1890.
		Henry K. Lee	June 13, 1890.
14	Wapahasa	Robert Van Dyke....	June 11, 1890.
18	Winona.....	Frank Knoepfel.....	Feb. 2, 1890.
		William S. Drew	Feb. 14, 1890.
		Amos D. Ellsworth..	May 20, 1890.
		John Dobbs	Sept. 13, 1890.
		Gustav Anger	Oct. 23, 1890.
		Jacob S. Palmatier...	Dec. 2, 1890.
19	Minneapolis.....	Chas. Youngren	Aug. 22, 1890.
20	Caledonia	Wm. F. Dunbar	Aug. 28, 1890.
23	North Star.....	Andrew Larson.....	May —, 1890.
24	Wilton.....	Edward S. Taylor....	June 24, 1890.
28	Clearwater.....	Henry B. Morrison....	Oct. 3, 1890.
		Chas. H. Gibbs.....	Oct. 19, 1890.

APPENDIX G—Continued.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
30	Anoka.....	F. W. Goedecke.....	April 6, 1890.
		Samuel V. Smith.....	Nov. 14, 1890.
33	Star in the East.....	G. W. Blair.....	Mar. 11, 1890.
		A. C. Gutterson.....	Dec. 30, 1890.
36	Preston.....	C. A. Powers.....	Jan. 1, 1890.
39	Fidelity.....	B. W. Lovell.....	Oct. 7, 1890.
		Geo. F. Corneveaux.....	Oct. 20, 1890.
42	Hope.....	Amos H. Nash.....	May 15, 1890.
47	Concord.....	John U. Chapman.....	Aug. 10, 1890.
48	Social.....	J. B. Hyde.....	May 27, 1890.
		S. L. Bushnell.....	July 15, 1890.
		C. O. Lockren.....	Sept. 21, 1890.
49	Rising Sun.....	John Pickert.....	Jan. 11, 1890.
		R. C. Earsley.....	Aug. 22, 1890.
57	Blue Earth City.....	Philip Maglaughlin.....	June 3, 1890.
58	Spring Valley.....	Moses F. Varney.....	June 6, 1890.
		C. M. Clark.....	July 16, 1890.
		H. F. Miller.....	Oct. 12, 1890.
59	Temple.....	A. J. Hall.....	June 26, 1890.
62	Star.....	Hiram D. Cadwell.....	Mar. 20, 1890.
63	Illustrious.....	Ezra Feller.....	Jan. 22, 1890.
		A. J. Carroll.....	Feb. 2, 1890.
66	Madelia.....	Thomas Mullen.....	Feb. 14, 1890.
		Christopher C. Fisher.....	Oct. 4, 1890.
69	Mystic Star.....	George H. Hitchcock.....	Dec. 28, 1890.
75	Eureka.....	Henry E. Hall.....	June 9, 1890.
		A. J. Porter.....	July 9, 1890.
78	Mystic Circle.....	Fred. N. Goodrich.....	Jan. 22, 1890.
79	Palestine.....	Samuel S. Walbank.....	May 18, 1890.
		Henry Harvey.....	Aug. 5, 1890.
		John Rice.....	May 16, 1890.
80	Henderson.....	Henry Rahing.....	Feb. 23, 1890.
86	Tyrian.....	Andrew Marshall.....	July 17, 1890.
89	Golden Fleece.....	Hiram S. Branham.....	Dec. 4, 1890.
91	Antiquity.....	James McMillan.....	Aug. 4, 1890.
		Gustavus McClure.....	May 17, 1890.
92	Fraternal.....	Alphonso Bartlett.....	Mar. 5, 1890.
94	Keystone.....	J. H. Redford.....	Aug. 24, 1889.
		W. F. Rounds.....	Oct. 29, 1889.
96	Libanus.....	W. A. Chapman.....	Jan. —, 1890.
		Thades Kirk.....	Jan. —, 1890.
98	Charity.....	Charles Berry.....	July 8, 1890.
99	Corner Stone.....	William H. Cowing.....	June 26, 1890.
100	Aurora.....	Justin Smith.....	April 23, 1890.
101	Fraternity.....	John H. Johnson.....	July 14, 1890.
104	Sharon.....	John H. Brown.....	Jan. 20, 1890.
112	Khurum.....	Eugene M. Wilson.....	April 10, 1890.
		F. Von Schlegell.....	April 11, 1890.
		Isaac B. Willis.....	Jan. 10, 1890.
		Fred L. Foote.....	Sept. 5, 1890.
114	Ben. Franklin.....	William H. Halbert.....	Oct. 17, 1890.
115	Elgin.....	Charles B. Lair.....	Dec. 25, 1890.

APPENDIX G—*Concluded.*

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	NAME OF MEMBER.	DATE.
116	Lafayette.....	J. F. Tompkins.....	Nov. 29, 1890.
117	Granite.....	Junius A. Lewis.....	Jan. 20, 1890.
122	Kellogg.....	Charles Larne.....	June 12, 1890.
126	Moorhead.....	Frank L. Davenport.	April 30, 1890.
		Ed. K. Randall.....	June 30, 1890.
131	Alma.....	Foster B. Owen.....	Jan. 24, 1890.
141	Crookston.....	Edward E. Perry.....	May 23, 1890.
143	Lakeview.....	C. K. Orton.....	Dec. 24, 1890.
147	Canby.....	Ole S. Stensrud.....	Sept. 20, 1890.
148	Quarry.....	Andrew L. Ely.....	July 10, 1890.
		Thos. W. Thompson.	Aug. 28, 1890.
153	Kodahya.....	Alexander Paul.....	Dec. 6, 1890.
138	Hector.....	John D. Smith.....	Jan. 13, 1890.
163	Summit.....	P. Sprague Haskell...	Sept. 27, 1890.
168	Braden.....	Edson A. Simpson...	Jan. 17, 1890.
		Hezekiah H. Kenyon	May 9, 1890.
174	Valley.....	John D. Warner.....	Aug. 1, 1890.
176	Ark.....	Clark J. Woodward..	Dec. 28, 1890.
178	Anchor.....	Charles A. Green.....	Jan. 3, 1889.
188	Fortitude.....	Frank G. Reed.....	Aug. 19, 1890.

APPENDIX H.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting:

Know ye, that I have divided the territory of the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota, A. F. & A. M., into thirty-four (34) districts, each district composed of the lodges as hereinafter designated, and that I have appointed, and do hereby depute and appoint, the Right Worshipful brethren hereinafter named as District Deputy Grand Masters, in and for the respective districts, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. ELIAS LINT (36), PRESTON.

Hokah.....	17	Brownsville.....	73
Caledonia.....	20	Pickwick.....	110
Morning Star.....	29	Canton.....	194
Preston.....	36	Witoka.....	U. D.

SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. B. F. FARMER (58), SPRING VALLEY.

Spring Valley.....	58	Orient.....	84
Mystic Star.....	69	Lebanon.....	102
Mystic Circle.....	78	Grand Meadow.....	121

THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. S. A. EMERSON (39), AUSTIN.

Fidelity	39	Lafayette.....	116
Lansing.....	72	Prairie.....	123
Eureka.....	75	Alma.....	131

FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. WM. STRAFFORD (56), CHATFIELD.

Pleasant Grove.....	22	High Forest.....	85
Meridian.....	56		

FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. GEO. PFEFFERKORN (49), ST. CHARLES.

Winona.....	18	Ashler.....	61
Harmony.....	43	Illustrious.....	63
Evergreen.....	46	Elgin.....	115
Rising Sun.....	49		

SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. W. A. T. STEBBINS (21), ROCHESTER.

Mantorville.....	11	Huram Abi.....	83
Rochester.....	21	Relief.....	108
Washington.....	38		

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. G. MAXWELL (41), ZUMBROTA.

Wapahasa.....	14	Hermon.....	41
Mystic Tie.....	37	Tyrian.....	86
Carnelian.....	40	Kellogg.....	122

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. H. A. BUEL (8), RED WING.

Dakota.....	7	Mount Moriah.....	35
Red Wing.....	8	Arcturus.....	130
Oriental.....	34		

NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. M. D. CRAFT (67), FARMINGTON.

Faribault.....	9	Cannon River.....	52
Star in the East.....	33	Corinthian.....	67
Social	48		

TENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. M. G. KIMBALL (32), WATERVILLE.

Wilton.....	24	Tuscan.....	77
Western Star.....	26	Janesville	124
Sakatah.....	32		

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. ALEX. FIDDES (90), JACKSON.

Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Good Faith.....	90
Blue Earth City.....	57	King David.....	179
Chain Lake.....	64	Amboy	193
Doric.....	87		

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

R. W. JOHN HUTTON (97), WINDOM.

Prudence.....	97	Ben. Franklin.....	114
Fraternity.....	101	Roman Eagle.....	175

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. CHAS. A. CHAPMAN (12), MANKATO.

Mankato.....	12	Libanus.....	96
Madelia.....	66	Bethel.....	103
Joppa.....	76	Josephus.....	128

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. GEO. W. TAYLOR (45), LESUEUR.

Union.....	45	Nicollet.....	54
Concord.....	47	Henderson.....	80

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. C. W. GILMORE (148), PIPESTONE.

Currie.....	142	Fulda.....	170
Quarry.....	148	Murray.....	199

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. FREMONT S. BROWN (155), TRACY.

Delta.....	119	Canby.....	147
Walnut.....	136	Tracy.....	155
Benton.....	146	Springfield.....	U. D.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. O. L. DORNBERG (91), REDWOOD FALLS.

Antiquity.....	91	Marietta.....	172
Keystone.....	94	Geneva.....	196
Charity.....	98		

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. R. H. SANDERSON (65), LAKE LAND.

St. Johns	1	Newport.....	118
Acacia	51	Jasper	164
Zion.....	55	Garnet.....	166
Golden Rule.....	65		

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

R. W. I. B. B. SPRAGUE (5), ST. PAUL.

St. Paul.....	3	Shekinah.....	171
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Midway	185
Summit	163	Triune	190
Braden.....	168	Mizpah.....	191

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

R. W. J. M. WILLIAMS (19), MINNEAPOLIS.

Cataract.....	2	Plymouth.....	160
Hennepin	4	Minnehaha	165
Minneapolis	19	Ark	176
Khurum.....	112	Arcana.....	187

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. J. S. BARNARD (111), CARVER.

King Hiram.....	31	Chaska.....	151
King Solomon	44	Rough Ashler.....	177
Carver	111		

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. R. S. MILES (42), GLENCOE.

Hope.....	42	Guardian.....	149
Temple.....	59	Hector	158
Bird Island	141	Renville.....	195

 TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R. . W. . WM. DUNBRACK (109), MONTEVIDEO.

Sunset.....	109	Appleton.....	137
Granite.....	117	Lakeview.....	143

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. . W. . B. F. JENNES (104), WILLMAR.

Howard.....	82	Cokato.....	134
Golden Fleece.....	89	Orion.....	138
Sharon.....	104		

TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

R. . W. . C. L. BROWN (133), MORRIS.

Swift.....	129	Prescott.....	162
Golden Sheaf.....	133	Agate.....	167
Frontier.....	152	Traverse.....	189
Kodahya.....	153		

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

R. . W. . O. L. CUTTER (30), ANOKA.

Monticello.....	16	Sherburne.....	95
Anoka.....	30	Winslow Lewis.....	125
Star.....	62	Nelson.....	135
Fraternal.....	92		

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

R. . W. . T. C. WING (23), ST. CLOUD.

North Star.....	23	Plumb Line.....	173
Clearwater.....	28	Fair Haven.....	182
Paynesville.....	71	Crow River.....	192
Unity.....	93		

 TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

R. W. E. P. BARNUM (60), SAUK CENTRE.

Star in the West.....	60	Sincerity	161
Constellation.....	81	Valley	174
Melrose.....	145	Osakis.....	180
Long Prairie.....	159		

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

R. W. WM. G. TEN BROOK (79), DULUTH.

Palestine.....	79	Fortitude.....	188
Dalles.....	181	Vermillion.....	197
Ionic	186	Euclid.....	198

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

R. W. THOS. C. BIVINS (100), BRAINERD.

Aurora.....	100	Anchor.....	178
Little Falls.....	140		

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

R. W. A. BRANDENBURG (99), FERGUS FALLS.

Corner Stone.....	99	Pierson	169
Moorhead	126	Pelican Rapids.....	183

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

R. W. JOHN CROMB (141), CROOKSTON.

Crookston.....	141	Norman	154
Warren.....	150		

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

R. W. O. C. MEAKER (113), EXCELSIOR.

Watertown.....	50	Humboldt.....	132
Excelsior.....	113		

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

R. W. C. L. BAXTER (157), PERHAM.

Mount Tabor.....	106	Perham.....	157
Verndale.....	139	Shell.....	184
Wadena.....	156		

And the said R. W. District Deputies are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this fourth day of February, A. D. 1891; A. L. 5891.

ALPHONSO BARTO,

Grand Master.

Attest:

THOS. MONTGOMERY,

Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

TO			FROM	
NAME.	RESIDENCE.	STATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Palmer J. Pillans.....	Belknap.....	Alabama.....	.....	.....
George L. Kimball.....	Dardanelle.....	Arizona.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Arkansas.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Brit. Columbia.....	.....	.....
A. A. Stevenson.....	Montreal.....	California.....	George W. Prescott.....	Stillwater.
Juan Miguel Ferrer.....	Havana.....	Canada.....	E. W. Durant.....	Sauk Centre.
Henry M. Teller.....	Central City.....	Colon & Cuba.....	Alphonso Barto.....	.....
Edmund Tweedy.....	Dunbury.....	Colorado.....	.....	.....
Chas. C. King.....	Newark.....	Connecticut.....	Charles Griswold.....	St. Paul.
C. W. Hancock.....	Washington.....	Delaware.....	Henry R. Denny.....	St. Paul.
.....	.....	Dist. Columbia.....	.....	.....
Angus Patterson.....	Madison.....	England.....	.....	.....
E. H. Reed.....	Waycross.....	Florida.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Centre.
Fred Epstein.....	Boise City.....	Georgia.....	.....	.....
Edward C. Pace.....	Ashley.....	Idaho.....	E. P. Barnum.....	Sauk Centre.
William Hacker.....	Shelbyville.....	Illinois.....	A. Y. Davidson.....	Minneapolis.
F. H. Nash.....	Fort Gibson.....	Indiana.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Z. C. Luse.....	Iowa City.....	Indian Ter.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
.....	.....	Iowa.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
John H. Spencer.....	Independence.....	Ireland.....	.....	.....
Elisba S. Fitch.....	Flemingsburg.....	Kansas.....	.....	.....
J. Q. A. Fellows.....	New Orleans.....	Kentucky.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
John B. Redman.....	Ellsworth.....	Louisiana.....	Chas. W. Nash.....	Minneapolis.
Hugh McCowan.....	Winnipeg.....	Maine.....	L. Z. Rogers.....	Waterville.
Hugh B. Jones.....	Baltimore.....	Manitoba.....	I. B. Cummings.....	Winona.
.....	.....	Maryland.....	Henry L. Carver.....	St. Paul.
John Woodruff.....	Niles.....	Massachusetts.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Michigan.....	Alphonso Barto.....	Sauk Centre.
Samuel H. Saunders.....	Otterville.....	Mississippi.....	.....	.....
N. P. Langford.....	St. Paul.....	Missouri.....	Henry L. Carver.....	St. Paul.
Homer J. Allen.....	Kearney.....	Montana.....	Henry L. Carver.....	St. Paul.
.....	.....	Nebraska.....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.
Thomas Walker, M.D.....	St. John.....	Nevada.....	.....	.....
John G. Muirheid.....	Pennington.....	N. Brunswick.....	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.
.....	.....	N. Hampshire.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	New Jersey.....	J. H. Thompson.....	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	New Mexico.....	.....	.....
John S. Denton.....	Pennington.....	New S. Wales.....	.....	.....
Eugene Grissom.....	Raleigh.....	New York.....	Jacob A. Kiester.....	B. Earth City
Wm. A. Bentley.....	Bismarck.....	N. Carolina.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Lewis Johnstone M.D.....	Sydney, C. B.....	North Dakota.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
Ralph R. Rickley.....	Columbus.....	Nova Scotia.....	Jacob A. Kiester.....	B. Earth City
O. S. Savage.....	Philadelphia.....	Ohio.....	W. T. Rigby.....	Clearwater.
Richard Vaux.....	.....	Oregon.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
.....	.....	Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....
John P. Noyes.....	Waterloo.....	Pr. Edward Is.....	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.
John E. Goldsworthy.....	Central Falls.....	Quebec.....	A. J. Edgerton.....	Yankton, S.D.
.....	.....	Rhode Island.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	Scotland.....	.....	.....
George H. Hand.....	Yankton.....	S. Australia.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	S. Carolina.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
H. M. Aiken.....	Knoxville.....	South Dakota.....	.....	.....
Philip C. Tucker.....	Galveston.....	Tasmania.....	.....	.....
P. L. Williams.....	Salt Lake City.....	Tennessee.....	.....	.....
Rev. E. Wheelock.....	Cambridge.....	Texas.....	Jacob A. Kiester.....	B. Earth City
.....	.....	Utah.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
.....	.....	Vermont.....	Samuel E. Adams.....	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	Victoria.....	.....	.....
Louis Zeigler.....	Spokane Falls.....	Virginia.....	.....	.....
William Bates, Sr.....	Wheeling.....	Washington.....	Henry R. Denny.....	St. Paul.
Henry L. Palmer.....	Milwaukee.....	West Virginia.....	S. R. Merrill.....	Lake City.
.....	.....	Wisconsin.....	George A. Camp.....	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	Wyoming.....	.....	.....

APPENDIX J.

NAMES OF GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE.	GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	George M. Morrow	Birmingham..	Myles J. Greene.....	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	George J. Roskrige	Tuscan.....	John M. Ormsby.....	Tuscan.
Arkansas.....	J. W. Sorrels.....	Mansfield.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
Brit. Columbia..	Alex. R. Milne.....	Victoria.....	Henry Brown.....	Victoria.
California.....	Alvah R. Conklin..	Independence	George Johnson.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	J. Ross Robertson..	Toronto.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Colon and Cuba	Antonia Govin.....	Havana.....	Jose F. Pellon.....	Havana.
Colorado.....	E. Le Neve Foster..	Georgetown..	Ed. C. Parnalee.....	Pueblo.
Connecticut.....	Clark Buckingham..	New Haven.....	Joseph K. Wheeler..	Hartford.
Delaware.....	James S. Dobb.....	Wilmington..	William S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
Dist. Columbia..	James A. Sample.....	Washington..	Wm. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
England.....	Prince of Wales.....	London.....	Shadwell H. Clerke	London.
Florida.....	Henry W. Long.....	Martel.....	DeW. C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	John S. Davidson.....	Augusta.....	A. M. Wollin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	George Ainslie.....	Boise City.....	Jas. H. Wickersham	Boise City.
Illinois.....	John M. Pearson.....	Godfrey.....	Loyal L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indiana.....	Jacob J. Todd.....	Bluffton.....	Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory	Leo E. Bennett.....	Muskogee.....	Joseph S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	J. DeK. Gamble.....	Knoxville.....	Theo. S. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Duke of Abercorn..	Dublin.....	A. St. George.....	Dublin.
Kansas.....	J. C. Postlewaite.....	Jewell City.....	John H. Brown.....	Kansas City, Kas.
Kentucky.....	Chas. H. Fisk.....	Covington.....	H. B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Chas. F. Buck.....	New Orleans..	J. C. Batchelor, M.D.	New Orleans.
Maine.....	Albro E. Chase.....	Portland.....	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	James Alex. Ovas.....	Rapid City.....	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Thos. J. Shyrock.....	Baltimore.....	Jacob H. Medaury.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts..	Samuel Wells.....	Boston.....	S. D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	John S. Cross.....	Bangor.....	William P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	Alphonso Barto.....	Sauk Centre..	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	John Riley.....	Kosciusko.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	George E. Walker.....	St. Louis.....	John D. Vincell.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Wm. T. Boardman..	Helena.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Robt. E. French.....	Kearney.....	Wm. R. Bowen.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	John W. Eckley.....	Virginia City..	C. N. Noteware.....	Carson.
New Brunswick..	Thos. Walker, M.D.	Saint John.....	Edwin J. Wetmore.....	Saint John.
New Hampshire..	F. D. Woodbury.....	Concord.....	George P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Chas. H. Mann.....	Haddonfield..	Joseph H. Hough.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	F. H. Kent.....	Albuquerque..	Alpheus A. Kean.....	East Las Vegas.
New So. Wales..	Lord Carrington.....	.....	Arthur H. Bray.....	Sydney.
New York.....	John W. Vrooman.....	Herkimer.....	E. M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
North Carolina..	Samuel H. Smith.....	Winston.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota...	Frank J. Thompson	Fargo.....	Thos. J. Wilder.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	Chas. J. Macdonald..	Halifax.....	Hon. Wm. Ross.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	Levi C. Goodale.....	Cincinnati.....	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oregon.....	James F. Robinson..	Eugene.....	S. F. Chadwick.....	Salem.
Pennsylvania.....	Clifford P. MacCalla	Philadelphia..	Michael Nisbit.....	Philadelphia.
Prince Edw'd I'd	John Wm. Morrison..	Charlottet'wn	B. Wilson Higges.....	Charlottetown.
Quebec.....	Isaac H. Stearns.....	Montreal.....	John H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island...	George H. Kenyon.....	Providence.....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	.....	.....	David M. Lyon.....	Edinburg.
South Australia.	Earl of Kintore.....	.....	Jas. H. Cunningham	Adelaide.
South Carolina..	R. F. Divver, M.D.	Anderson.....	Charles Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota...	Theo. D. Kanouse.....	Sioux Falls...	Charles T. McCoy.....	Aberdeen.
Tasmania.....	Rev. R. D. Poulett..	Hobart.....	J. G. Steele.....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	[Harris.....	.....	John Frizzell.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	A. S. Richardson.....	Houston.....	Wm. F. Swain.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Arthur M. Grant.....	Salt Lake City	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	George W. Wing.....	Montpelier.....	W. G. Reynolds.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	W. J. Clarke.....	Melbourne.....	T. H. Lempriere.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Robt. T. Craighill..	Lynchburg.....	Wm. B. Isaacs.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	James E. Edmiston..	Dayton.....	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia...	Frank Burt.....	Mannington..	Geo. W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	N. M. Littlejohn.....	Whitewater...	J. W. Ladin.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Leroy S. Barnes.....	Laramie.....	Wm. L. Knykendall	Cheyenne.

STATISTICS.

GRAND LODGE ORGANIZED FEB. 23, 1853.

Number of lodges chartered since	199
Suspended, Nos. 6, 9, 10, 13, 15, 25, 68, 70, 74, 88, 107 and 127... No. 9 was restored to No. 53 in 1869.	12
Transferred to Grand Lodge of Dakota, Nos. 105 and 120.....	2
Present active chartered lodges.....	185
Lodges U. . D. . Feb. 10, 1891.....	3
Lodges organized U. . D. . 1890.....	13
Lodges chartered at last session.....	11
Membership Jan. 1, 1891	12,168
Initiated, 1890	945
Passed, 1890.....	891
Raised, 1890.....	851
Restored, 1890.....	57
Joined, 1890	351
Total increase.....	1,259
Withdrawn, 1890.....	403
Stricken from roll, 1890.....	174
Suspended and expelled, 1890.....	13
Died, 1890.....	107
Total decrease.....	697
Net gain.....	562
Total receipts, 1890, both funds.....	\$7,849 50
Expenditures.....	7,852 92

APPENDIX K.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee on foreign correspondence has examined the proceedings of other grand lodges received up to the date of closing this report, and respectfully submits the following.

ARKANSAS, 1889.

The fiftieth annual communication was held at Little Rock, Nov. 19th and 20th, M. W. R. H. Taylor, Grand Master. Three hundred and sixteen lodges represented; three hundred and ninety-five upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Twelve dispensations for new lodges issued; three charters surrendered.

Among the decisions were the following:

1. Unless fraud or deception is shown, a brother square of the books should not be refused a dimit because he left the state owing another brother a debt.
2. A dead brother, however meritorious, cannot be subsequently affiliated.
3. Conviction and imprisonment are just grounds for expulsion.

The last was disapproved by the committee on masonic law and usage, upon the ground that the action of a court of law cannot deprive a mason of the right to masonic trial before being summarily deprived of membership and privileges.

The grand secretary was instructed to prepare a digest of the constitution and codified edicts and decisions, for which he is to receive \$100.

An interesting letter from Minnie Brooks, an orphan girl placed in school four years ago by the fraternity, was read and published in the proceedings.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to repeal edicts allowing joint occupancy of lodge halls.

Overtures were made to the Grand Lodge of Texas for concurrent jurisdiction at Texarkana, a city lying partly in Arkansas and partly in Texas.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

Special communications were held at Mansfield, Nov. 10th, for laying of a church corner stone, and at Fort Smith, Dec. 2d, for laying corner stone of the Baer Memorial Temple.

Among the memorial pages is one for John Morris, past grand secretary, the oldest mason in that jurisdiction. He was made at Newark, N. J., in 1824, and was secretary of the convention which formed the grand lodge in 1838.

M. : W. : J. W. Sorrels, Mansfield, Grand Master; R. : W. : Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, reëlected Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1890.

The nineteenth annual communication was held at Vancouver, June 19th, 20th, and 21st, M. : W. : J. S. Clute, Grand Master. The ten lodges all represented. Four past grand masters present.

Attendance upon divine service and a banquet were the leading features of the first evening.

The grand master reported the presentation of a handsome piece of plate to Bro. A. W. Sillitoe, grand chaplain, voted to him by the grand lodge for valuable services to the craft.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : Angus McKeown, Grand Master; V. : W. : Henry Brown reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Victoria.

CALIFORNIA, 1889.

The fortieth annual communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 8th to 12th, R. W. A. R. Conklin, Deputy Grand Master. Two hundred and fifteen lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-seven upon the rolls. Six past grand masters present; our representative still at his post in the southeast.

The grand master was absent as one of the Pan-American delegates, and his address was read by the deputy.

The death of Bro. J. L. English, past grand master, was announced.

A dispensation to confer the degrees upon a minister of the gospel without charge was refused, for the reason that it was contrary to their masonic law and would be establishing a mischievous precedent. This is eminently correct.

Five new lodges chartered. One charter revoked.

The annual reports of the boards of relief in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Oakland, and Sacramento are highly creditable to the brethren of that jurisdiction. Two cases from Minnesota are noted, involving an expenditure of \$25 and \$90.

The report of the committee on correspondence was submitted by Bro. J. W. Anderson, Minnesota fraternally noticed.

He agrees with Bro. Pierson upon Cerneauism, and says, "Being a question of jurisdiction a grand lodge has the right, and unquestionably should have the right to decide it."

Under the head of Alabama he says:

The individual who can live nowadays in any community until he is twenty-one years of age, and is unable to both read and write, is not fit to be admitted to any institution, the object of which is the bettering of his condition.

Exceptions are taken to Bro. Pillans' views upon the prerogative issue:

We are not a believer in this any more than in the "divine right of kings," and we opine the day will come when it will be relegated to its proper place. The grand master, by the mere accident of position, is not relieved from obedience to the constitution any more than the humblest brother. He cannot rise above the constitution any more than can the stream above its fountain.

The following is taken from under the head of Canada:

The grand master is opposed to the permissive use of a system of work different from the authorized and generally adopted ritual. We have observed that some masters of lodges in our own jurisdiction are very prone to drag into our work excerpts like the *Thanotopsis*, etc., as we think, more for the purpose of displaying their own vanity than of impressing the candidate. All such practices should be strictly prohibited. Our laws forbid the use of any but the authorized work; and inspectors and the grand master should see that such laws are enforced. The work is even now too long.

In response to the claim of Bro. Peabody, of Colorado, to have been the youngest grand master ever installed (thirty-two years) he offers the following:

Speaking of age, we will take the liberty of calling for the oldest living grand master, or past grand master, by advancing the claims to that distinction of our first grand master, Jonathan Drake Stevenson, who was born on the first day of January, 1800.

Under the head of Idaho is found the following timely admonition:

The grand master complains, justly, as we think, of a practice far too common in most of our lodges. We allude to that disposition, too often manifested on the part of members of our lodges, to communicate to rejected candidates their suspicions as to the party or parties casting a black ball. Masons ought to know that they have violated their obligations when they even seek to know how others have voted, much less to communicate their knowledge or suspicions to other masons, or to rejected candidates.

Bro. Anderson still dissents from the generally recognized principle that "to be eligible as master a brother must have served as a warden," and falls back upon the landmarks in defense of his position. It is clearly evident that our California contemporary was not the author of *The Charges of a Freemason*. The latter are considered standard authority in many of our jurisdictions, and, whether they are or are not landmarks, has been sufficiently discussed years ago. Nothing new can be said upon either side of the controversy. Undoubtedly there was a time when "the grand master himself was eligible from the body of the craft," but he is not now, and obviously should not be.

He concurs in the Cerneau legislation of Iowa, and says:

This question is one that is forcing itself upon the attention of our grand lodges and it must be met. The sooner it is met and decided the better it will be for the interests of masonry everywhere. We have always held the opinion that it is not only the right but the duty of the grand lodges to protect the members of their subordinate lodges.

Bro. Parvin's error in stating that one of the lodges which originally formed the Grand Lodge of California was from Minnesota is corrected. A similar blunder also occurs on the succeeding page, with reference to the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin. Minnesota should read Missouri in both instances.

The following under the head of Kansas reads rather strangely:

There are cases where, it appears to us, the report need not be by a majority of the committee. If one member of the committee reports unfavorably, it is presumed that such member would vote adversely, and that therefore the petition need not go to a ballot at all.

Are we to understand from the above that an applicant can be declared rejected upon mere presumption? This is going a little beyond the prerogative of even a grand master.

The report is an able one, and we regret Bro. Anderson's retirement for the onerous duties of grand lecturer.

M. : W. : M. M. Estee, Grand Master, assumed his station during the afternoon of the second day, having returned from Washington.

An eloquent address was delivered by Bro. A. C. Bane, Grand Orator.

An elegant casket of silverware was presented to Bro. H. W. Rucker, past grand master. California does nothing by halves.

M. : W. : M. M. Estee, Napa, Grand Master, and R. : W. : A. G. Abell, San Francisco, Grand Secretary, both reelected; Bro. E. C. Atkinson, Sacramento, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

CANADA, 1890.

Six special communications were held for the purpose of laying corner stones.

The thirty-fifth annual communication was held at Kingston, July 16th and 17th, M. W. R. T. Walkem, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-five lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-four on the roll. Four past grand masters present.

Three dispensations for new lodges issued.

In reporting the suspension of a master for deliberately violating the provisions of the constitution with respect to jurisdiction the grand master observes:

This case and others which have come before me convince me that proper care is not always exercised in the selection of the masters and senior officers of lodges. Brethren are promoted to the chair in many cases because they happen to be the senior officers, irrespective of their fitness for the office and of the principles distinctly laid down in the ancient charges. I have found that many masters are not familiar with the provisions of the constitution, a book which is supposed to be constantly in their hands. Such men should not be placed in the master's chair. No doubt it is painful to pass over a brother who may be a senior officer in the lodge, but the brethren have themselves to blame for the difficulty in which they are placed, and the remedy lies in exercising proper care in the first place in the selection of subordinate officers.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted providing that hereafter all business, except initiating and passing, be transacted in warranted lodges in the third degree.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. Henry Robertson; Minnesota receiving a brief notice.

Under the head of British Columbia he says:

We are very loth to lose the old name, the Grand Lodge of Canada, under which we were formed and by which we are so well known all over the masonic world and under which we have progressed so well, but we are free to confess that the other grand lodges in the dominion have a right to feel that any one of them is as much the grand lodge of the geographical Canada as we are. The time may soon come when we can simplify our title to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and thus remove any cause of complaint.

There is much truth in the above frank statement, yet our Ontario brethren have everything to lose and nothing to gain in dropping the designation by which they have been well and favorably known so many years. It's too much like a rubbing out and beginning over again.

The following criticism appears under Colorado:

They have a peculiar way of opening the grand lodge. It is opened in due form by the deputy grand master, with prayer by the grand chaplain. Then the deacons are directed to inform the grand master that the grand lodge is open and awaits his pleasure. Then the grand master enters, is received with the grand honors, and assumes the gavel. This is about our ceremony when the grand master visits a subordinate lodge, but we fail to see its appropriateness in a grand lodge. The grand master is the presiding officer of the grand lodge, and he should open it himself, unless prevented by some unavoidable occurrence.

Under Kentucky is found the following:

Bro. Staton does not see any harm in public installations. With us such a thing would be entirely out of the question. Part of the secret work occurs in our installation ceremonies, and of course we could not give that in public. Apart from this question we think that true masonry should be modest and not given to self glorification, nor should we make a parade of our masonic communion for the purpose of attracting the profane. We think that masons should only appear in public on strictly masonic occasions, and the only really masonic occasions that we know of are, first, the burial of a deceased brother, and, second, the laying of the corner stone of some public or masonic building. All others are simply for the sake of display. We are not a proselytizing institution, and we are forbidden by our laws from soliciting candidates to join our fraternity. Displays are made by other societies for the avowed purpose of attracting the outsiders and inducing them to join. Masons should be above that sort of thing.

With us public installations are both common and pleasant affairs. The lodge is not opened, the brief ceremony is used from the printed monitor, and the remainder of the evening is spent socially, ending with a banquet. There is no display to attract the profane, none being present but masons, their wives, sisters, and daughters. The practice may be an innovation strictly speaking, but no harm has arisen from it in this jurisdiction to our knowledge.

The following is taken from under Virginia:

As a measure of economy and a saving of \$200 the finance committee recommended the omission of the names of members of lodges from the printed proceedings, but the grand lodge refused to concur, so that the names still appear. The particular usefulness of this practice, which is confined to a few jurisdictions, is not easy to understand.

M. : W. : J. R. Robertson, Toronto, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. J. Mason, Hamilton, reelected Grand Secretary. Bro. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, continued as committee on foreign correspondence.

COLORADO, 1890.

Special communications were held at Denver, July 3d and 4th, for the purpose of dedicating the new masonic temple and laying the corner stone of the state capitol.

The thirtieth annual communication was held at Denver, Sept. 16th and 17th, M. : W. : W. T. Bridwell, Grand Master. Sixty-four lodges represented; sixty-eight upon the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Seven dispensations for new lodges.

Dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of time, to install officers, and for public installations. They, too, have a prerogative way out in the Rockies.

A number of decisions were reported, from which we quote:

1. A committee appointed by a lodge to collect testimony can exclude from its meetings all brethren not directly interested in the matter.

2. A brother having served a lodge as warden is eligible to election as master, but aside from this occupies no higher place in the lodge than any other member.

4. Expulsion by a lodge is from all the rights, privileges, and benefits of masonry, and is final unless reversed by the grand lodge. The lodge should send notice of such action to other branches of the order of which the expelled was a member.

6. A lodge having suspended one of its members for non-payment of dues, cannot in after years remit the amount and restore him to good standing. Suspended or expelled masons are not worthy objects of masonic charity.

9. It is contrary to masonic custom for masons to lease their lodge room for dancing or for any other secular purpose; a masonic lodge

room is a sacred place, and should be regarded with the same degree of respect whether the fraternity own the building or lease it.

11. The petition of a person who deals in bottled liquors cannot be entertained by a lodge. The law is broad and positive, and excludes all who are in any manner engaged in the liquor business.

15. A certificate of good standing is not sufficient evidence for a lodge to admit a visitor upon. If his regard for masonry is not sufficient to prompt him to acquire a sufficient degree of masonic intelligence to make himself known, he does not merit recognition.

In discussing the ancient landmarks he says:

Should the grand master, at any time or under any circumstances, consent to an abrogation of these ancient laws, what power could sustain him in the act? The lodge cannot do it; the grand lodge cannot do it; because we have all subscribed to that ancient requirement, that such power is not vested in any body of men.

Then, brethren, let us strive to maintain in their ancient purity the old ceremonies, the old customs, the old symbols, the old traditions, and, above all, the old landmarks, and thus bestow upon freemasonry the homage of faithful masons.

A circular letter was received from the Grand Orient of France requesting the appointment of a representative to a masonic congress to be held at Paris during the year, which the grand master declined to recognize.

An oration was forwarded by Bro. H. T. Long, who was unavoidably absent, which was read and printed in the proceedings.

A special committee was appointed to procure a testimonial and present the same to Bro. E. C. Parmelee, who had just been unanimously reelected grand secretary for the twenty-fifth time. Furthermore he deserves it; from our experience among the good people of the centennial state we are assured that it will be something of which the genial Ed. may well be proud.

The library has now a permanent home in the temple, and the grand tyler was authorized to prepare a catalogue.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. L. N. Greenleaf. Minnesota for 1890 failed to reach him, and we are therefore deprived of the usual cordial greetings.

The following is found under the head of Missouri:

Then again, by what process we know not, Bro. Vincil absolves his conscience from the obligations of those fourteen degrees of the Scot-

tish Rite which he swallowed at one sitting; with the same consistency a master mason, disgusted with the manner in which the three degrees were conferred upon him by some stupid worshipful master, might absolve himself and turn around and denounce masonry "until all was gone blue." Do you think such a course would be tolerated in symbolic masonry. If not, why should it be in Scottish Rite masonry? Is the sanctity of an oath any less in the one case than in the other?

A well arranged digest of decisions from other jurisdictions is appended to the report.

M. : W. : E. L. Foster, Georgetown, Grand Master; R. : W. : E. C. Parmelee, Pueblo, reëlected Grand Secretary. Bro. L. N. Greenleaf, Denver, remains at the head of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CONNECTICUT, 1890.

The one hundred and second annual communication was held at Hartford, Jan. 15th and 16th, M. : W. : J. H. Swartwout, Grand Master. The one hundred and eleven lodges all represented. Ten past grand masters present, also our representative.

The grand master reported that he had restored the charter of Hiram Lodge No. 1 in accordance with the action of the special communication held in May, 1889, had healed fifty-six masons clandestinely made therein, and withdrawn the edict prohibiting masonic intercourse with its members. This ends the matter, but the lesson remains for the benefit of all concerned.

A lengthy report upon Cerneauism is appended to the annual address, from the chairman of the committee on jurisprudence. He advances the same old argument that a grand lodge can know nothing beyond the first three degrees of masonry, and "cannot therefore recognize anything as masonic except what relates to these degrees." Neither of these propositions are true. A grand lodge *does* know what organizations are jointly occupying the masonic halls in its jurisdiction and building upon its degrees, and it *has* been recognizing these same organizations from the earliest period of its existence. Furthermore it clearly has the right, and it is its bounden duty, to suppress dissensions arising

among the brethren, whether from an invasion of occupied territory or from any other cause.

The masonic correspondence is prepared by the grand secretary. Minnesota is noticed at considerable length. Of the acting grand master he says:

His address is well prepared, and the work of the year is presented in a very creditable and intelligent manner. He speaks, also, in an elevated strain, fully recognizing the value of all those associations that bind men together in that universal bond of fellowship.

The resolution accompanying the form of petition is thus commented upon:

A resolution was adopted requiring a petitioner for degrees who has been previously rejected to state that fact in his petition. We wonder this had never been embodied in the Minnesota law before. Such a requirement has been on our statutes for years.

So it has been upon ours since 1869. The legislation of 1889 is but a reiteration in a more comprehensive form.

An appropriate tribute is paid to the memory of Bro. Pierson, and a memorial page appears in the proceedings. The concluding words are:

Peace to his ashes, and may the bright Sun of Righteousness beam brightly when he is brought to light in the grand lodge of eternal peace.

So mote it be.

Under the head of Missouri the district deputy grand master controversy is summed up as follows:

We cut off the appendage of grand master because it makes the title more simple and easy, and because we think one grand master with his deputy sufficient for one small jurisdiction like ours, and that the title or distinction we have placed upon the office is sufficient for the purpose of the appointment.

Similar legislation will be proposed in our own grand lodge at the approaching session, and for a like reason.

Also the following:

While we perfectly understand the result that has been accomplished in Missouri, *i. e.*, ostracising all members of the craft who were engaged in the business of liquor selling, and forbidding the admission of any person who was engaged in that occupation; yet we fail to see wherein

the great body of the craft in Missouri will be specially benefited by the legislation. It is very true that a small number, comparatively, have been sifted from the lodges, but they are yet non-affiliated masons, and as such have masonic rights, and nothing can prevent the craft from mingling with them or patronizing them.

The Hiram Lodge difficulty is then pleasantly alluded to under Montana:

Not that trouble, loss, or a quarrel are good things in themselves, but the direct influences are sometimes beneficial. Men think more of what they have left, and bestir themselves to make friends and make them, and awake to increased vitality, all of which is to a certain extent very true. Then after the quarrel comes the pleasant sensation of reconciliation, that would never be experienced without; something like differences that might occur in the household, after a family spat or a deserved curtain lecture, when the pendulum swings the other way—to caresses and smacks.

The situation in Ohio is pointedly touched upon as follows:

All this grew out of Cerneauism; and if there is anything that will carry blight and dry rot into the body of symbolic masonry it is this same demon of Cerneauism.

Still Bro. Wheeler professes to be in favor of non-intervention by the grand lodge. Is not self preservation one of the great fundamental principles? If a house be divided against itself will it not most assuredly fall?

Under Wyoming he says:

He closes with a few words in defense of the M. A. S. We have never paid any attention to the slur, and care nothing about it. It is enough for us to know that the work of these several committees is productive of much good to the craft, and helps to strengthen the cord that binds one jurisdiction to another, besides diffusing a large amount of valuable intelligence. When we see anything to commend in the proceedings of our sister jurisdictions we shall say a good word, at the expense of being designated a member of the Mutual Admiration Society.

M. W. Clark Buckingham, New Haven, Grand Master;
R. W. J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, reëlected Grand Secretary,
and is chairman of the committee on masonic correspondence.

DELAWARE, 1890.

The eighty-fourth annual communication was held at Wilmington, Oct. 1st and 2d, M. : W. : J. S. Dobb, Grand Master. The twenty-one lodges all represented. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

The following decision was approved:

Can we receive an applicant into our fraternity who refuses to swear, but who will affirm? No. That our obligations themselves forbid anything of the kind; that we could not make special obligations to meet special cases; every candidate must travel the same path.

The committee on work reported very satisfactory progress in their efforts towards uniformity, and the territory was divided into three districts with an instructor for each.

The amendment to the constitution making all past masters permanent members of the grand lodge was adopted by a vote of fifty-three to five. There is no objection to this return to ancient usages, particularly in a jurisdiction as small as Delaware.

Jewels were presented to Bros. Thomas Davidson and G. W. Marshall, past grand masters.

The following regulation was adopted:

That hereafter, before the worshipful master and wardens elect for any lodge in this jurisdiction shall be installed, the most worshipful grand master shall be satisfied as to their proficiency in the duties of their several stations in the work of the lodge, and that the grand master is authorized to appoint a committee, of which the instructor having charge of said lodge shall be chairman, to examine the aforesaid officers and furnish him a certificate vouching for their proficiency, and should any such officers fail to qualify and be installed at least thirty days before the meeting of the grand lodge, the then present officer shall continue to perform the duties of said office until after the next annual election.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. L. H. Jackson; Minnesota fraternally noticed. Considerable space is devoted to the address. We extract the following paragraphs:

We copy the conclusion of his address, which we think the craft of Delaware will find very interesting.

Bro. Irving Todd presented an excellent report on correspondence. He gives Delaware for 1889 a one page notice, quoting our resolution on bodies of the Scottish Rite.

The following protest against public installations is taken from under the head of Michigan:

Now *we* argue that the installation of officers is unquestionably the work of a lodge because masonic obligations are administered and brethren inducted into offices, the duties of which are secret and sacred to the lodge, therefore it should be done in private. That, to our mind, covers the whole ground. •

M. W. J. S. Dobb, Grand Master, and R. W. W. S. Hayes, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. L. H. Jackson continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, all of Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1889.

The semi-annual communication was held May 8th, calling off to the 22d, at which the principal business transacted was the unanimous adoption of a report of the committee on jurisprudence denying the power of the grand master to issue dispensations to constituent lodges to hold meetings on other than regular nights as provided in their by-laws. We quote as follows:

The grand lodge constitution delegates certain specific powers to the grand master, together with that of exercising "all other prerogatives that inhere to his high office." The power to suspend a section of the grand lodge constitution or a by-law of a constituent lodge is not among those delegated by this grand lodge.

As neither the ancient constitutions nor the general regulations of 1721 confer upon a grand master any powers or prerogatives aside from those specified, it follows that "the powers and prerogatives that inhere to his high office" *are those only which are therein specifically set forth*, and that beyond these the grand master possesses no other inherent powers.

In the general regulations of 1721 the grand master is invested with the power to grant dispensations in but three cases:

1. To make more than five new members at one time.
2. To make or admit a member in less than one month's time.
3. To allow a set or number of brethren to withdraw from a lodge to join in forming a new lodge.

There is another reference in these ancient charges which the committee seem to have overlooked, that at the quarterly communications of the grand lodge "no brother shall be present, who is not at that time a member thereof, without a dispensation."

The second case was also qualified by the proviso that no man could be entered a brother in any particular lodge, or admitted to be a member thereof, without the unanimous consent of all the members of that lodge then present; "nor is this inherent privilege subject to a dispensation.

These are believed to be the only mention of dispensations in Anderson's Constitutions, which were approved by the Grand Lodge of England in 1721. Previous to that time there had been no written regulations, or by-laws as they are now termed, and constitutions are of a still later date. [The term constitution as used by Anderson is in the sense of instituting.] There were, however, grand masters and established customs and usages known as ancient landmarks. Now, then, could the adoption of these general regulations deprive the grand master of any right or authority hitherto enjoyed by him as a prerogative of the office save "those only which are therein specifically set forth?" Does not the express exception that no dispensation shall deprive a lodge of the inherent privilege of rejecting an application for initiation or membership but prove the rule?

The second of these same general regulations reads as follows:

The master of a particular lodge has the right and authority of congregating the members of his lodge into a chapter at pleasure, upon any emergency or occurrence, as well as to appoint the time and place of their usual forming.

With this prerogative enjoyed by the master of a constituent or subordinate lodge, it is hardly probable that he would apply to the grand master for a dispensation to change the date of the usual meeting to one more convenient. Prior to 1717 he would not have applied to him for even the authority to hold a lodge at all.

The question in our opinion resolves itself into a very simple one; do the craft at their stated annual communications elect a

brother as grand master of masons, or do they elect merely a presiding officer of the grand lodge? The answer of the District of Columbia is justly open to criticism.

A special communication was held Oct. 14th to lay a church corner stone.

The annual communication was held at Washington, Nov. 13th, M. W. Harrison Dingman, Grand Master. Eighteen lodges represented; twenty-one upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present and our representative.

The annual address is long and largely documentary. A number of dispensations were reported, to act upon petitions of candidates in government service, for an anniversary parade, to attend divine service, and to confer degrees within the specified time, which seem to have been approved, or at least not disapproved. It therefore appears that a constituent lodge in that jurisdiction may be authorized by the grand master to receive applications from non-residents and to railroad them through the degrees; it may turn out in a street parade, and attend church services; but it cannot hold a stated meeting other than at the time named in its by-laws. The latter consequently outrank the grand master and even the grand lodge constitution.

There were two decisions, one declaring a ballot void when there were not enough balls in the box to go around, and the other prohibiting joint occupancy of a lodge room with a Cerneau body. In defense of his position a great deal of space is taken up with Dr. F. J. S. Gorgas and his fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, and the edict forbidding any brother to retain membership in the Gorgas body, any lodge from granting the use of their hall for the practice of said rite, and the admission of any visitor belonging to said order was promulgated before Dr. Gorgas had recanted. This document was subsequently modified by the committee on jurisprudence so far as it relates to visiting brethren from other jurisdictions.

The Shriners were permitted to rent apartments in the temple for the reason that every member was a knight templar in good standing and necessarily a master mason.

Five hundred dollars, to be paid in three annual installments, were voted to the Washington Memorial Temple.

M. · W. · J. A. Sample, Grand Master; R. · W. · W. R. Singleton reelected Grand Secretary, both of Washington. The latter is continued as chairman of the committee on correspondence.

The installation communication was held Dec. 27th, at which considerable routine business was transacted and a jewel presented to the retiring grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared as usual by Bro. W. R. Singleton. It is somewhat brief, but very much to the point. Minnesota handsomely noticed.

Under the head of Alabama he says:

There should be some discretion given to a lodge whereby, if deemed proper, an unaffiliated brother could have the last honors paid to his remains and the memory of his usefulness, when in the health and vigor of his manhood he gave *all* his services to masonry, but "when misfortunes assailed him and his enemies persecuted him," those who had been benefited by his masonic life could not pay the honors of masonry to his memory.

Physical disqualifications in Arizona are touched up as follows:

In the grand lodge constitutions of the majority of grand lodges of the United States, and universally in all other countries, any candidate who can comply with the ritual observances, receive and impart, if necessary, the proper instructions of the rite, is eligible for all the degrees. Why? Because he comes under the most exact provisions of the old charges and the regulations old and new.

Under California he discusses the life membership subject, and believes that a judicious plan, persistently maintained, would result in great good. The theory is all right; in practice it has commonly resulted in most dismal failure.

Commenting upon lodge trials in Kansas, he remarks:

The trial of a mason differs from that of a state criminal as the *moral* society to which he belongs differs from the society *at large* of a state. State criminals often escape punishment from legal technicalities, when in a masonic trial no such pleas should avail. If there be moral evidence of an offense against our laws or against morality a conviction should follow, although the offender may have escaped punishment in the state trial.

Under Louisiana he thus refers to resignations of masters and wardens:

The idea, now somewhat prevalent, that these officers of a lodge cannot resign is entirely modern. By a reference to old records it will be found that it was the constant practice for resignations to take place in lodges and grand lodges.

He does not understand that the time service between degrees is of any benefit to the candidate or to masonry when qualified by proficiency, and adds:

We have served masonry faithfully for nearly fifty years, yet we were passed and raised two days after receiving the first degree, and our experience has been the same as to very many other cases similar to our own; and *per contra* we have known very many worthless masons who passed the regular period between degrees.

Under the head of North Carolina he insists:

The *inherent* powers or prerogatives of the worshipful master and the grand master are *myths*, unworthy of the consideration of sensible men, and were the products of Laurence Dermott, or MacDermott, the author of the first Ahiman Rezon, which caused so much trouble in the last century and spread its noxious principles into some of our colonies.

Judging from Bro. Dingman's account of his stewardship the myth in that jurisdiction is quite a tangible one, no matter where or whence derived. If he had no prerogatives as asserted then his official acts were clearly usurpations of power, and should have been rebuked by his grand lodge when formally brought to its notice instead of being tacitly indorsed.

In reviewing Oregon the following liberal views concerning fraternal official relations are expressed:

Whenever an American mason presents himself abroad he is recognized, welcomed, and receives fraternal courtesies, provided he has the proper vouchers, and is never questioned as to his *rile*. Hence, we should be equally courteous to all visiting brethren, from any country, who present *their* patents from the governing body. Whenever we talk to profanes we boast of the *universality* of masonry, yet deny recognition of, and refuse to correspond with, masonic powers established and acknowledged all over the world before some of our grand lodges had an existence, and when the territory occupied by them now was then a howling wilderness filled with wild beasts and wilder Indians.

FLORIDA, 1890.

The sixty-first annual communication was held at Jacksonville, Jan. 21st, 22d and 23d, M. · W. · H. W. Long, Grand Master. One hundred lodges represented; one hundred and sixteen upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Eight dispensations for new lodges were granted.

Among the decisions is found the following, which was not approved by the jurisprudence committee:

6. The master cannot vacate his authority while present in the lodge, but may call upon the senior warden or junior warden to administer the obligation and give the lecture of the degree.

Appended to the address is a communication from the grand master of Pennsylvania in relation to the Cerneau rite, a lengthy resume of the situation by the committee on foreign correspondence, and an edict of the grand master prohibiting further relations with any body of its obedience. The latter, however, was afterwards suspended at the request of a subordinate lodge, its members promising to refrain from practicing the rite until the matter should be settled by the grand lodge.

The committee on masonic jurisprudence submitted the following majority report:

The committee have given careful attention and consideration to the matters submitted to them in the address of the grand master relating to what is termed the Cerneau rite. They have made careful inquiry as to whether the organizations working under this rite claim the authority to confer the three degrees of masonry which this grand lodge has within its jurisdiction, and, so far as they can ascertain, no such authority is claimed. This being the case, the committee are unable to see any ground upon which this grand lodge can assume jurisdiction of the subject. They have no means of making an intelligent investigation as to the degrees of this so-called Cerneau rite, or the A. & A. Scottish Rite, or as to who has the power to confer them. There are serious differences between masons as to the regularity of the organizations which claim the authority to confer these degrees. It is not to the advantage of symbolic masonry in this jurisdiction to open the doors of our lodges

to these differences. They should be left to our brethren who are skilled in these hidden mysteries, which are not revealed to the brethren of our lodges.

Our constitution, article ten, section thirty, says that even expulsions and suspensions from the higher degrees do not necessarily work as such in symbolic masonry.

The committee recommend that no further action be taken in the matter.

The record goes on to say that "after considerable time being spent in discussion, the motion to adopt the *majority* report was put to vote and lost. The motion to adopt the *minority* report was then put to vote and adopted." The latter was presented by Bro. W. A. McLean, past grand master, as follows:

The undersigned, of your committee on masonic jurisprudence, differing in opinion from the report submitted by the chairman, and signed by other members of the committee, upon so much of the grand master's address as refers to Cerneauism, submit this as a report on that subject.

We believe the edict of the grand master to be in harmony with the action of many other grand lodges and all regularly organized masonry in the world, so far as we have any knowledge or information, and recommend that the same be approved by this grand lodge.

We further find, upon information believed to be reliable, that the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, has been recognized by very nearly, if not all, the supreme councils of the world as the legitimate supreme council of the jurisdiction for the territory which it occupies, which includes the state of Florida, and we do not find that the Cerneau rite has been recognized by the other supreme councils of the world as the legitimate body of any jurisdiction.

In many of the grand lodge jurisdictions, in fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Florida, the masons in those jurisdictions who belong to the Cerneau rite are not permitted to visit a particular lodge.

As bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Southern Jurisdiction, were actually located and doing work in this state for many years prior to the invasion of the territory by the Cerneau rite, and as both of these bodies cannot continue to work in this jurisdiction without seriously endangering the peace and harmony of the masonic brethren in this state, we believe that the Cerneau rite should by this grand lodge be denied the right to occupy the territory of this jurisdiction, or to communicate or confer its degrees on masons in Florida.

A jewel was presented to Bro. N. R. Carter, past grand master.

An oration was delivered by Bro. R. H. Weller, grand orator, and printed in the proceedings. As we would say of a sermon, it is largely doctrinal.

The grand lodge formed in procession the second afternoon and visited the Sub-Tropical Exposition, where several speeches were made, a group picture taken, and two or three hours spent in sight seeing. It was doubtless a pleasant affair, but they won't do so any more, particularly after the passage of the following:

WHEREAS, The grand lodge fully appreciates the courtesies and hospitality extended to it, but finds that it interferes with the progress of its work; therefore be it

Resolved, That the grand lodge will, in future, decline to accept any invitation that will necessitate neglect of its business, appearance in public in regalia, or any entertainment offered outside the building in which the grand lodge is held.

We can imagine Bro. Vaux holding up both hands in horror as he scans the foregoing pages.

Bro. D. C. Dawkins prepared the report on foreign correspondence as a matter of course; Minnesota fraternally noticed. After the review was written he learned of the death of Bro. Pierson through the newspapers, and adds:

A long, lingering farewell to our esteemed brother.

The report is chiefly made up of extracts, although the type would indicate that it is wholly original. This is almost as bad as printing the names of members, and quite as expensive.

In the conclusion he thinks that a large majority of the grand jurisdictions have settled down to a reasonable basis upon at least three prominent subjects, prerogatives, physical disqualifications, and perpetual jurisdiction, of which we quote the first:

That the sovereign power of masonry is in the grand lodge, and that the grand master is subservient thereto as a creature of its creator.

It strikes us that a grand master who issues edicts upon grave questions before they are passed upon by his grand lodge, and who grants dispensations to elect and install officers, to re-ballot for a rejected candidate, to confer degrees out of time, to add a

dimitted mason to the membership of a lodge under dispensation, to advance candidates for the purpose of furnishing material for exemplification at visitations, etc., etc., has several of the prerogatives still left, even in Florida.

M. : W. : H. W. Long, Martel, Grand Master, and R. : W. : D. C. Dawkins, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary, both reëlected. The latter is chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

GEORGIA, 1889.

The one hundred and third annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 29th, 30th, and 31st, M. : W. : J. S. Davidson, Grand Master. Two hundred and eighty-four lodges represented; two hundred and ninety-three on the roll. Two past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations issued for new lodges.

Among the approved decisions is found the following:

10. Charges are preferred against a brother in his lodge. Pending these charges he is elected worshipful master. Held that he is eligible to hold the office. The presumption of innocence before verdict against accused obtains in masonry as in law. Whether it is desirable or expedient for the good of masonry to elect one to so important an office under these circumstances is a different question.

A member under charges is not in good standing, therefore he should not be eligible to any office until they are regularly disposed of by an acquittal.

The grand master reports that he is satisfied that the experiment of district deputies has proven an advance in the work of the order, and that with further experience they will fully measure up to the required standard.

He hoped that there would be no necessity of making any official reference to Cerneau masonry, but upon investigation of affairs in other jurisdictions, together with personal correspondence, he was constrained to recommend some clear and unmistakable action, upon the theory that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

The report of the committee on jurisprudence, to whom the matter was referred, is very lengthy and exhaustive, and signed by all of its twenty-three members. After a thorough investigation they are decidedly of the opinion:

That a symbolic grand lodge is sovereign within the geographical bounds of its masonic jurisdiction, and that it has the right to legislate upon and to decide all questions pertaining to the establishment of lodges, the making of masons, and the government of the craft within its aforesaid jurisdictional bounds.

That it is the right and duty of symbolic grand lodges to protect themselves, their subordinates, members, and individual freemasons within their jurisdictions, as well as masonic bodies with which they are allied.

That it is the business and bounden duty of such grand lodges to guard their subordinates against the introduction of causes of contention and discord, and to protect the fraternity against injury or invasion, impostors or imposition, coming in whatever name or whatever guise.

That it is the right of grand lodges, in their masonic sovereignty, to clearly designate and unmistakably define what rites are recognized and what bodies are in alliance with them in the great fraternal commonwealth of which the symbolic grand bodies, forming the base, constitute an important and essential part.

Three resolutions were submitted and adopted, the first being a recognition of bodies acknowledged to be legitimate in this and other jurisdictions. The remaining two are as follows:

Resolved, That any master mason, who shall hereafter take or receive any so-called masonic degree, or order of knighthood, from any man, or body of men, not herein before acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be liable to be expelled from all the rights and privileges of masonry.

Resolved, That any master mason who shall hereafter confer, communicate, or sell, or be present at, or assist in, the conferring, communicating, or selling, or solicit any one to take or receive or apply for any so-called degrees, or order of knighthood, in any assemblage of men, no matter by what name-soever it may be called, except it be held under the authority of one of the bodies hereinbefore acknowledged to be legitimate and genuine, shall be expelled from all the rights and privileges of masonry.

Among the many things touched upon in this able address we clip the following:

It gives me pleasure to note again the rapid increase in the practices of the lodges in connection with the social features. The past year has not only been no exception to the preceding one in this particular, but it has exceeded it. St. John's day will soon become, if the present progress is reliable, of almost universal observance. The variety of the entertainments also indicate a wise appreciation of the wants of masonry in different localities. That form of exhibition which will best attract friends and neighbors and produce the largest interest in the largest number is, of course, the one to be selected. No matter, however, what shape the expression takes, wherever it is possible make it the means of masonic recreation, and nothing but good can follow to the order and to the brethren.

The death of Bro. F. M. Brooks; past deputy grand master, was announced.

The corner stone of the public library building was laid during the session; two occasional grand lodges were previously assembled for like purposes.

The report on foreign correspondence is the joint production of Bros. B. H. Bigham, W. E. Mumford, and W. S. Ramsey; Minnesota favorably noticed.

Under the head of Iowa we quote:

And so he concludes; thus showing all he says is over a name, and leaving the main matter unshaken, to-wit: that there are certain things constituting and bounding masonry which no power can alter. We are content for him and Bro. Pike to call them what they please. Be they landmarks or what not, there are certain conditions and principles integral to and essential to masonry. These no man or men can alter.

The following is from Bro. Bigham's conclusion:

We also notice with much satisfaction that, whilst ambitious towns and cities are still around, struggling to get grand lodges to commit themselves by purchasing lots within their limits, upon which afterwards to build; and the debt makers are still on hand seeking to give their names to fame and immortality as philanthropic financiers by sinking their lodges and brethren into entanglements of building on credit, the lodges and brethren are more conservative than ever about going into debt. At this we are greatly rejoiced; because nothing so impoverishes masonry of her charity, both of action and of feeling, as debt, and you know, brethren, there should be no strife amongst us except as to who can best work and best agree.

Under the head of Tennessee we find the following:

According to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee the grand officers are not eligible to the four grand offices more than one year in succession. We do not like that provision. When an efficient grand officer is elected he is best fitted to succeed himself, by reason of experience and by familiarity with the difficulties likely to present themselves for settlement. By practice he becomes familiar with the jurisprudence and the usages and customs of our secret order.

M. : W. : J. S. Davidson, Augusta, Grand Master, and R. : W. : A. M. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary, were reelected. The committee on foreign correspondence continued as above.

IDAHO, 1890.

A special communication was held at Caldwell, June 7th, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of a masonic temple.

The twenty-third annual communication was held at Boise City, Sept. 9th, 10th and 11th, M. : W. : G. L. Shoup, Grand Master. Fifteen lodges represented; eighteen upon the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for new lodge; two lodges consolidated.

The grand master decided that a brother who had murdered a man and then committed suicide was not entitled to masonic burial.

The deputy grand master also rendered several decisions during the absence of the grand master from the jurisdiction, from which we quote:

In the absence of any authority from the grand lodge of this jurisdiction, and of any other whatever by the grand lodge on this subject, I am clearly of the opinion that honorary membership cannot be recognized within this jurisdiction. I believe that the practice, if it should ever be recognized, would lead to discord instead of harmony, and render lodges open to the criticism of making invidious distinctions among the brethren; that it is, as Mackey says, a recent invention, and as no improvement can be made on the body of masonry it is an innovation which, instead of receiving countenance, should be condemned and repudiated by every mason, not only within this jurisdiction, but everywhere else.

The first report of the grand secretary as librarian indicates gratifying progress in this direction. Minnesota too has joined

the procession, and is able to make quite a showing since Bro. Pierson's collection was added to our shelves.

Bro. C. C. Stevenson again presents the report on foreign correspondence. Minnesota is complimented with lengthy extracts from the annual address relative to the death of Bro. Pierson and to the subject of dimits and rights of affiliation, winding up with the following paragraphs:

The grand master's address is unusually good, and is well worth careful persual.

We notice favorable reference to G. H. Davis. His name figures often in the proceedings.

The report on correspondence was by Bro. Irving Todd. It is a very good one. Idaho, 1889, receives a good, fair, able review. Numerous extracts are made from the other side.

The following is taken from under the head of Connecticut:

We do not claim, Bro. Wheeler, that masonry originated in its present organized form at Solomon's temple, but we do claim that masonry did originate there, and received its very life and existence from the wisdom of Solomon, and was fostered by that divine power under whose direction the famous building was constructed. We believe in the Bible, and believe in the building of the temple as narrated in the Bible. Now, if masonry did not exist at the temple, the whole fabric is a lie. The organized form has nothing to do with it. True masonry does not exist in mere organization or empty form; there is something more than that, which existed long before the present form was evolved at York, and announced to the world as the York Rite. We intend to keep on believing in the antiquity and divinity of the development and organization of freemasonry, the criticisms of others to the contrary notwithstanding.

Under Georgia he says:

We don't know, Bro. Bigham, how the representative system operates in Georgia, but in Idaho it is as empty as space. No notice whatever is taken of a grand representative in the grand lodge, and hence he has no opportunity to convey or express the good will of the grand body he represents. The system should be changed some way to make it more useful.

M. W. George Ainslie, Grand Master; R. W. J. H. Wickersham reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. C. C. Stevenson continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Boise City.

ILLINOIS, 1890.

The fifty-first annual communication was held at Chicago, Oct. 7th, 8th, and 9th, M. W. J. M. Pearson, Grand Master. Six hundred and forty-four lodges represented; six hundred and seventy-five upon the roll. Five past grand masters present and our representative.

Five dispensations for new lodges; four lodges consolidated into two.

The grand master's address says:

Our trestle board has been full of designs, and a vast amount of good work has been done. Another noteworthy feature of the workings of the craft is the general desire manifested to secure for themselves better halls, better furniture and facilities. These serve not only to render the work better, but tend to give permanency to the lodge and foster a laudable pride among the brethren, similar to that of the citizen who succeeds in securing for himself a home.

The death of Bro. J. H. Matheny, past deputy grand master, was announced.

The grand master has a salary of \$1,500 per annum, and judging from his report he fully earns it.

The following extract is taken from the report of the committee on obituaries:

M. W. Bro. Pierson was one of the most learned, most honored, and most widely known masons in the north-west. In every department, field, and branch of masonry he was a skilled and master workman. He devoted his life to the good cause of masonry, and died at his post, almost literally pen in hand, enjoying the title of "The Father of Masonry in Minnesota."

A memorial page also appears in the usual place.

Bro. Frederick Speed, past grand master of Mississippi, and Bro. Louis Ziegler, past grand master of Washington, were among the visitors, receiving a cordial and hearty welcome.

An appropriate address was delivered by Bro. A. T. Wolff, grand orator.

Bro. Joseph Robbins presents the report on masonic correspondence, one of the ablest of the year. Minnesota is handsomely noticed, although, of course, he disapproves of our Cer-

neau legislation, and thinks that if Bro. Pierson had been alive things would have been different. In this he is greatly mistaken, as the action had was directly in line with our late brother's views of the situation, both publicly and privately expressed. He concludes as follows:

We only desire to call attention to the significant fact that, while all organizations other than those named are declared to be irregular, the penalty of the law is denounced only against those individuals who offend against the majesty of the supreme council.

Certainly. The Cerneaus were the only disturbing element in the jurisdiction, and the legislation was aimed directly at the root of the evil. After the lapse of nearly a year the benefits directly resulting from the enactment are becoming more and more apparent.

The following paragraphs are taken from his review of our last year's report:

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd, whose 'prentice hand shows much promise. It is condensed, and though bright and sparkling by no means destitute of more solid qualities.

Of our presumption, based on their portraits, that the unwritten Montana law that only fine, sterling-looking men should be grand masters prevailed also in Minnesota, he says that when we see a few more of them we will know it to be a fact instead of a mere presumption. Two elegant phototypes in this volume lend color to his claim, one of H. R. Denny, grand master in 1884 and 1885, and one of R. H. Gove, grand master in 1886.

Bro. Todd says the Scotch-Rite seems to be the burr in our sandal, and asks if it can be possible that at some time or other we have sought after the unattainable. From certain ear-marks about his report we infer he got *his* mess of imperial pottage, but from his still having the grace to be apparently half ashamed of the insinuation, we judge that he cannot have been long a subject of the Holy Empire.

Nary pottage, imperial or otherwise. The writer is simply a high private in the rear ranks; his acquaintance with the ineffable degrees, however, antedates the Cerneau revival by a number of years.

The following is found under the head of California:

Like Bro. Anderson we have known masons who always had money to spend for their own gratification and yet never had any to pay their

lodge dues, and we presume we don't like them any better than he does. We would like him cut them off from all the privileges for which those lodge dues are an equivalent. But, because we don't like his mean ways, we are not justified in forgetting that he has given an equivalent for something else — for the degrees which make him a mason, and that in that making both he and we are laid under obligations quite apart from the duties and responsibilities of lodge membership, and from which we are not absolved by his meanness and selfishness. We who have been intrusted with the administration of masonry for the time being have made a mistake in taking him, but we have taken him for better or for worse, and by equity and law he remains of us until he is convicted of some offense against masonry, some overt act which involves an offense against the fraternity and is cut off by due process of law.

Under Delaware is taken the following extract, which accords with our own experience:

Of course in so brief a review one finds little to summarize, but this is no indication that the report is not a valuable one, or that it is one easy to prepare. Only those having experience know to what an extent it is true that the labor of preparing a report is in inverse ratio to its length.

Bro. Robbins ran against a snag in Iowa, his renewed commission as grand representative from that jurisdiction being canceled by the grand master upon the receipt of his 1889 report on correspondence. The controversy is both lengthy and acrimonious; it could hardly prove otherwise when two such giant rams lock horns; yet in statements of facts Bro. Parvin has decidedly the best of it, his opponent lacking the grace to admit that he had even unintentionally fallen into error. Having mounted his hobby our Quincy frater finds himself at once placed upon the defensive. If vigorously flailed he can blame no one but himself.

M. W. J. M. Pearson, Godfrey, Grand Master, and R. W. L. L. Munn, Freeport, Grand Secretary, both reelected; Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, committee on masonic correspondence.

INDIANA, 1890.

The sixty-ninth annual meeting was held at Indianapolis, May 27th and 28th, M. W. T. B. Long, Grand Master. Four

hundred and fifty-four lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-four upon the roll. Eleven past grand masters present, including our representative, the veteran Bro. William Hacker.

A fine portrait of the grand master is given as a frontispiece.

Five dispensations issued for new lodges; two lodges consolidated.

A lodge in Nebraska presented a claim of one hundred and forty dollars against a lodge in Indiana, for care in his last sickness and burial of one of its members. The grand master declined to discipline the lodge for a refusal to pay more than twenty-five dollars of this amount, and was sustained by the committee on jurisprudence. It is a well established principle in most jurisdictions that no claims of this character shall be entertained; in Minnesota a lodge or a brother is prohibited from rendering such an account unless it is requested.

The grand master issued a dispensation to a lodge to elect a master under the following peculiar circumstances as given in his address:

First, the master resigned; second, while the senior warden was presiding, as successor to the master, the junior warden resigned and an election and installation was had to fill this vacancy; third, at a subsequent meeting the senior warden waived his right to preside in favor of the junior warden, recently elected, and while he was presiding the senior warden resigned, and a successor to him was elected and installed; fourth, the lodge then asked for a dispensation to elect a worshipful master. Under this state of facts I held that neither of the wardens so elected were, or became, successors to the worshipful master, under section twenty-five of the general regulations; and that this series of circumstances created a vacancy in the office of master that could properly be filled by an election. I therefore granted the dispensation.

The committee on jurisprudence did not concur, holding that under the constitution and general regulations the wardens then in office were lawfully qualified to discharge the master's duties. This never could have happened in Minnesota; our masters and wardens can neither resign nor dimit during their term of office.

Several begging circulars were promptly suppressed by the grand master, one of them being from a brother who had two

farms, money at interest, and government bonds, yet wanted the craft to replace his burned house.

The question of reprinting their early proceedings was postponed one year, with a view of obtaining advance subscriptions.

The grand master made a large number of decisions, but, following the course of his recent predecessors, none of them were reported to the grand lodge.

Proposed amendments to the general regulations dispensing with the requirement that a brother must be a past warden to be eligible as master, and to repeal the section requiring a master elect to receive the past master's degree previous to installation were adversely reported upon by the jurisprudence committee.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. S. S. Johnson; Minnesota receiving due attention. Regret to see that it is his last.

We quote the following paragraphs:

An itemized bill of expenses in connection with the funeral of Bro. Pierson is given, amounting to \$740.59. Among which we find \$225 for refreshments; \$122 for carriages; bands, \$120; use of church, \$50; the Rev. S. G. Smith, \$25; use of Armory, \$25; etc., etc. Funerals are costly affairs in Minnesota, if the above bill of expenses is a criterion.

The report on correspondence covers sixty-eight pages of the proceedings, by Bro. Irving Todd, and is pithy and readable, especially the review of Missouri, much of which we indorse.

Under the head of Alabama we find the following:

A very pleasant variation of the usual monotony of work was had when a brother, who "for thirty-five years had been a member of the committee on work," presented to the grand lodge a "photograph group of the committee." We think it would be well for every grand lodge to have such groups of her grand officers for those coming after.

M. : W. : J. J. Todd, Bluffton, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Commons, Union City, committee on foreign correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1890.

A special communication was held at Tahlequah, June 24th, to dedicate a lodge hall.

The sixteenth annual communication was held at Muskogee, Nov. 4th and 5th, M. W. L. E. Bennett, Grand Master. Thirty-five lodges represented; thirty-six upon the roll. Five past grand masters present, including our representative.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges.

In speaking of our fraternal dead the grand master thus alludes to Bros. Pierson and Brown:

Both of these brethren were very dear to the fraternity wherever known, and their loss is to the craft at large.

The following were among the decisions reported :

1. That the loss of the first two fingers of right hand is a bar to reception of petition for initiation.
2. That the Grand Lodge of the Indian Territory recognizes perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material.
4. A lodge has the right and ought to prohibit the use of tobacco in its lodge room.
5. That it is unmasonic and forbidden to confer degrees upon the Sabbath.
7. Charter must always be present when lodge is open.

The committee on law and usage recommended the following modifications, which were adopted:

1. If the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts or mysteries of freemasonry, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks.
2. This grand lodge recognizes the jurisdiction of its lodges over rejected material as continuing so long as the material remains resident within the jurisdiction of this grand lodge.

The subject of Cerneauism is treated at considerable length in the address, from which is quoted the following:

To a marked degree your grand master may be likened to a shepherd who stands ever watchful to guard his flock from danger. As your executive head it therefore becomes my duty to caution and warn you of an enemy whose poisoned fangs have been stuck into many of our sister jurisdictions, which has already entered our territory, and which,

unless we closely guard in advance, will seriously trouble us. I refer to Cerneauism. It has been said that we, as York Rite masons, can know nothing of the Scottish Rite, and are therefore not competent to judge of the merit of rival claimants for control of the Scottish Rite, but this is only true in so far as esoteric work is concerned. The history of organization, the claims which are announced, the proceedings, constitutions, and by-laws have all been published, and are accessible to every one whether a Scottish Rite mason or not. Our opportunity therefore to judge of the regularity or legality of the claimants for exclusive jurisdiction is as good as though we were admitted to its most guarded chambers.

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We, therefore, recognize the above named bodies as having obtained exclusive jurisdiction in the Indian Territory over their several grades, by virtue of the foregoing principles. By wise and timely legislation we should prevent any other bodies claiming control of such degrees entering our territory and misleading our brethren. Some may hold that we have no right to legislate upon this matter. I simply propose that we should legislate to protect our brethren who seek membership in the other organizations. We have a clear right, and it is our bounden duty, to shield our brethren against any disturbing element or clandestine body, no matter whence the source or what the name.

Cerneauism has thrown some of our sister grand lodges and the craft within their jurisdictions into a state of confusion which for a time seemed to threaten their very existence. Let us profit by their experience, and so legislate in advance that our grand lodge may never feel disturbance from this clandestine enemy. I trust you may take such action as will forever protect our brethren of the Indian Territory, and fortify against the invasion of our grand jurisdiction by "Cerneau or any other ism," by forbidding brethren of our obedience affiliating with, holding membership in, or masonically recognizing any bodies claiming jurisdiction of the masonic degrees herein recognized by this grand lodge other than those specially mentioned herein as legal.

The matter was referred to a special committee, who fully indorsed the position and views of the grand master and reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, A. F. and A. M., reaffirm the declaration of masonic principles set forth in the address of Grand Master Bennett touching masonic occupancy of the territory controlled by it — Indian Territory and Oklahoma — and hereby instructs its subordinates that it recognizes as legal occupants of the Indian Territory the following named bodies and their subordinates, to-wit: The Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Indian Territory; the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indian Territory in connection

with the General Grand Chapter; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States; the A. and A. Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, of which Albert Pike is the present sovereign grand commander.

Resolved, That in order none may profess ignorance of these matters the grand secretary is hereby instructed to prepare a circular letter and send the same to all the lodges in this jurisdiction, embodying the above resolution together with a warning against all other bodies claiming control of the degrees conferred by the bodies named.

The following paragraph is taken from the report of the committee on returns:

THACKERVILLE, No. 17.—These returns are a model; they are well nigh perfect, and made out by the oldest secretary in the territory, if we mistake not, over seventy years old, and a very poor man. He often walks three miles to the lodge meeting at night, and is always in his place. No careless nor perfunctory work here.

When Bro. Murrow says that any work is well done you can depend upon it that he is about right.

From a cursory examination of this unique report we should infer that no registers are kept by either the grand or subordinate lodges, thus multiplying the labor of making and examining the annual returns a hundred fold at least. With a proper system of registration nothing save additions and changes need be reported.

Bro. A. B. Price, of New York, repeated his yearly contribution of \$10 for the library, and also sent \$10 for the orphans' fund. Such a grand representative is worth having.

The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory was recognized and congratulated.

The grand master made a number of recommendations, two of which were reported upon adversely by the committee on law and usage, but notwithstanding were adopted by the grand lodge, viz.: a new form of petitions for initiation, with long list of questions to be answered by applicant and committee, and abolition of the past master's degree.

Among the legislation was the adoption of one ballot in future for the degrees; requiring all brethren petitioning for a dispensation to deposit their dimits with the grand secretary; increasing

the salary of the latter officer to \$600; instructing the grand lecturer to go to Arkansas after the pure Webb-Preston work and impart it to the lodges; making it a masonic offense to engage in the saloon business; reducing grand lodge dues to two dollars for each degree conferred and fifty cents for each member on the roll; changing the annual communication to the third Tuesday in August.

The report of the committee on uniformity of work will start the old ball rolling again all along the line. As a matter of reference it is given entire:

WHEREAS, The grand lodge has adopted the work of Arkansas; and
WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Arkansas has the pure Webb-Preston work;

Resolved, That our grand lecturer, when elected, be instructed to go to the grand lecturer of Arkansas and perfect our work; and, if found necessary, to consult with the grand lecturer of New York and Vermont to fully perfect it. When so perfected to impart the same to the lodges, giving it to the new material of each lodge as far as possible.

If Arkansas has the pure Webb-Preston work, where did she get it? Why the Webb-Preston? Why consult New York and Vermont, unless it is the Webb-Fowle-Barney-Wilson that is wanted from the latter? Why attempt to perfect the work in this complicated manner, when it is hardly probable that any two of their rituals would agree? As a matter of fact they never do, even when accompanied with gilt edged pedigrees like an imported roadster.

As Bro. Pierson would say, here we are writing again upon a subject that was exhausted twenty-five years ago.

When Bro. Leach gets his work fully perfected perhaps we will take another run down through the Indian country and see what it looks like.

A brief oration was read for Bro. E. H. Doyle, he being in feeble health.

The session terminated with a banquet given by the local fraternity.

Memorial pages were inserted for Bros. A. T. C. Pierson and J. H. Brown.

The report on correspondence was the joint production of Bros. J. S. Murrow and R. W. Hill; Minnesota received due attention. We quote:

The report on correspondence covers sixty-eight pages of the proceedings, by Bro. Irving Todd, and is pithy and readable. Indian Territory for 1889 is given fraternal consideration with approving quotations.

M. : W. : L. E. Bennett, Muskogee, Grand Master, and R. : W. : J. S. Murrow, Atoka, Grand Secretary, were reelected. The latter is committee on correspondence.

IOWA, 1890.

The forty-seventh annual communication was held at Ottumwa, June 3d, 4th, and 5th, M. : W. : J. D. Gamble, Grand Master. Three hundred and fifty-nine lodges represented; four hundred and forty-two upon the roll. Six past grand masters present, including our representative.

Six dispensations issued for new lodges; two charters arrested; one surrendered.

A fine engraving of the grand master is given as a frontispiece. The following is taken from his annual address:

Again, if there were in many instances less selfishness and less ambition and desire to hold office, and the exercise of more charity, accompanied with a desire to promote and encourage fraternal feeling and the practical dissemination of the fundamental principles of our beloved order, I feel quite certain that there would be less criticism, and the burdens of subordinate officers would be materially lessened, and the health, vigor and prosperity of lodges materially and permanently enhanced. We are fallible and liable to mistakes, and our election to office does not make us any less so; and what all well-disposed officers need and crave is the sympathy, support, and timely words of advice and admonition from their brethren, and when this is given peace, harmony, and brotherly love prevail, and the lodge invariably prospers.

In lieu of decisions he says:

I have received many letters during the year requesting my opinion on many questions of masonic jurisprudence, to most of which, thanks to the wisdom and foresight of the grand lodge, I have found ready answers in our new code and constitution. In a decided majority of the questions propounded, had the same time which was consumed in writing these letters been occupied in an examination of the code the letters need never have been written, for the reason that the information thus sought would have been readily obtained.

There are very few of our grand masters that have not had a similar experience.

Several applications for dispensations to receive petitions for the degrees and to ballot out of time have been refused, the grand master holding that under their constitution he had no authority to issue them. He adds:

Whatever may be his prerogatives, if he has any, the constitution has in this matter fixed his bounds, beyond which he cannot legally pass.

Dispensations to elect and install officers out of time are not included in this restriction.

From personal observation he concludes that the method of disseminating the work by schools of instruction held by the custodians will in time attain the desired end as regards proficiency.

The troublesome subject of non-affiliates is discussed at considerable length, with a recommendation that the law be amended making it the duty of all masons to affiliate within a reasonable time, not longer than one year after moving into the lodge jurisdiction, under penalty of forfeiture of their masonic privileges and benefits. The views were not concurred in by the committee on address, so far as the extent of the penalty is concerned.

The grand master reported that the subordinate lodges incorporated under the state law had dissolved their corporations with a single exception, in which real estate was held jointly with a chapter; thus complying with the action of last session.

As anticipated, the adherents of Cerneau masonry gave the grand master a great deal of trouble. Several edicts were promptly issued stating the action of the grand lodge and urging prompt compliance by every master mason. Then the Cerneaus rushed into court, obtaining a temporary injunction restraining the grand master "from writing any letters or from issuing any circulars, edicts, communications, publications, *or making any oral declarations* looking to the enforcement of the action of the grand lodge so far as it attempts to affect plaintiff, its subordinate bodies, or its or their members, or any person desiring to become a member." After a conference with the grand officers and others interested counsel was employed and preparations made to defend the suit. The temporary injunction was dissolved and a day fixed for the trial of the case upon its merits; the counsel appeared and were ready to proceed, when "to their utter aston-

ishment, in their momentary absence from the court-room, and without a moment's warning, the case was dismissed by plaintiffs at their cost, and thus ended travesty number one." The same day another original notice was served by the same parties and for precisely the same purpose, to which a demurrer was interposed, in substance :

That the facts stated in the petition do not entitle the plaintiff to the relief demanded; that the court has no jurisdiction of the grand lodge, because it is a voluntary association, and as such cannot be sued; that the court has no jurisdiction of the subject of the action; and that the court has no jurisdiction over the persons composing the membership of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, because not in court.

The demurrer was sustained, an appeal being taken by the plaintiffs to the supreme court. The grand master has but little anxiety further than the expense involved, and is unable to determine why the case was appealed in view of the repeated decisions upon the subject, unless it was to carry out some pre-concerted plan to induce or coerce the grand lodge into an abandonment of its position.

Among other things the grand master says:

At the time Past Grand Master Blackmar issued his note of warning, under the title of Impending Danger, I was fearful the picture presented was overdrawn; but one year's close observation of and experience with the methods adopted by the leaders and managers of Cerneau masonry in this jurisdiction has served to convince me that the picture was largely underdrawn; and, without repeating, I fully and heartily agree with and indorse all he said in his annual address on the subject. Cerneau and York Rite masonry cannot peacefully and harmoniously occupy the same territory and each maintain their independence. They are not consonant, and from the very nature of things never can be. Either there must be no Cerneaus, or measurably all must be such, if we would have tranquility and peace. While I know nothing of the esoteric work of Cerneau masonry, yet I do know something of the effect of its introduction within this jurisdiction. I know that in some places where it has gained a footing it has produced discord, strife, and contention among members of the craft, and has destroyed the peace, harmony, and fraternal feeling existing prior to its introduction; and this is notably so in some of our larger cities. I also know that in some instances its members, all of whom must be master masons before they can receive its degrees, claim that their obligations taken therein are more binding than in symbolic masonry, and that consequently they owe a higher allegiance to **that organization** than to the grand lodge and its requirements.

I further know that in one instance it has been the cause of the disintegration of one of our most prosperous and vigorous lodges. Possessing also, as I do, the evidence that the highest officer at the time of this organization within our jurisdiction officially encouraged and advised defiance to and rebellion against the lawful mandates of the grand lodge, I have no hesitancy in saying that the time has arrived for definite, specific, and effectual legislation on this question, to the end that this annoying element of discord may be effectually and briefly eliminated from our system.

The following amendments to the code were presented, among others, by the committee on jurisprudence, and adopted by a vote of five hundred and eighty-three to four hundred and seventy-five:

SEC. 430. All master masons holding membership in any subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of this grand lodge, and all non-affiliate master masons residing within the jurisdiction of this grand lodge, are hereby strictly prohibited from being present at the conferring, and from conferring, communicating, taking, or receiving within this state any degree or degrees conferred by or under the authority of either of the bodies or organizations enumerated in this chapter in any other body or organization than such body or organization as by the provisions of this chapter has sole jurisdiction over and the exclusive right to confer such degree or degrees within this state; and all such master masons are hereby strictly prohibited from being present at the conferring, and from conferring, communicating, taking, or receiving without this state any such degree or degrees in any other body or organization than such body or organization as is recognized by and holds fraternal relations with the body or organization which by the provisions of this chapter has sole jurisdiction over and the exclusive right to confer such degree or degrees within this state.

SEC. 431. All master masons holding membership in any subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of this grand lodge who have within this state heretofore taken any degree or degrees conferred by or under the jurisdiction of any of the bodies or organizations enumerated in this chapter in any other body or organization than such body or organization as by the provisions of this chapter has sole jurisdiction over and the exclusive right to confer such degree or degrees within this state; or who have taken any such degree or degrees without this state in any other body or organization than such body or organization as is recognized by and holds fraternal relations with the body or organization which by the provisions of this chapter has sole jurisdiction over and the exclusive right to confer such degree or degrees within this state, and who have not already withdrawn from such body or organization in which such degree or degrees were taken, are hereby positively required to

withdraw from such body or organization, and renounce allegiance thereto, on or before Aug. 1st, 1890; such renunciation to be in writing, signed by the party, and filed with the grand master of this grand lodge.

The section defining what are masonic offenses was amended as follows:

5. This grand lodge hereby declares that any mason who shall be present at the communicating or conferring of, or who shall communicate, confer, take, or receive any degree or degrees contrary to or in violation of the provisions of section four hundred and thirty of this code is guilty of a masonic offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by expulsion.

6. Every mason coming within the provisions of section four hundred and thirty-one of this code who fails to comply with the provisions of said section on or before Aug. 1st, 1890, and who has not prior to that date dimitted from the subordinate lodge of which he is a member, is guilty of a masonic offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by expulsion; and any such mason who has dimitted from his lodge shall not again be eligible to membership in any lodge under this jurisdiction until he has renounced his allegiance, as provided in section four hundred and thirty-one of this code.

The withholding of a grand representative's commission is thus explained by the grand secretary in his report:

The commission renewing the appointment of Dr. Joseph Robbins, past grand master, Quincy, who has for upwards of twenty years been the honored and trusted representative of this grand lodge, had been made out and signed, but not forwarded, when the published proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, containing the report on correspondence by Dr. Joseph Robbins, was received by the grand master. He regarded, as all loyal Iowa masons will, the review of Iowa by our grand representative as not only a gross betrayal of his trust, but a libel upon the good name and action of this grand lodge, and promptly ordered the commission canceled.

The following language is ascribed to the grand master:

The Grand Lodge of Iowa has no use for any representative in sympathy with those in rebellion, much less those whose words and actions are designed to encourage and sustain them in their efforts to destroy its supremacy and the exclusive right to legislate for masonry within this jurisdiction without interference by the civil courts.

Bro. Robbins appears to have taken the displacement quite philosophically, no matter how much *Dr.* Robbins may have felt the indignity. In his later review of Iowa he refers to it as follows:

Touching the action of the grand master of Iowa in canceling the commission of the brother nominated by our grand master for representative near the Grand Lodge of Illinois, we have no complaint whatever to make. He was acting entirely within the bounds of propriety in declining to commission one whose nomination was not acceptable to him. The fact that he did not, as Bro. Parvin deems it of sufficient importance to state, again seek the intervention of our grand master, raises a question of courtesy which we are not authorized to discuss; and our personal relations with the distinguished brother upon whom his choice fell are so cordial and unrestrained, however our views may differ on certain points, that we can heartily rejoice at any preferment which comes to him.

In justice to Bro. Robbins it may be said that his review was written before the appeal to the courts, and he emphatically disclaims the implied intention to encourage any effort to destroy the supremacy of the grand lodge. Yet it cannot be denied that he has furnished abundant aid and comfort to the parties who are creating these dissensions in a number of jurisdictions, our own included, and doubtless his opinions are largely quoted in the literature with which the country has been flooded during the past two or three years.

Since writing the above we are in receipt of a voluminous pamphlet entitled "Address of Ill. John J. Gorman, 33°, Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors-General, Thirty-third and Last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the United States of America, their Territories and Dependencies," dated New York, Oct. 28th, 1890. On page thirty-seven begins a chapter headed Most Worshipful Joseph Robbins, the following being a portion of the introduction:

Permit me to present to you what Most Worshipful Joseph Robbins, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, has to say on that subject in his admirable report on masonic correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Illinois in October, 1889.

Here follows five pages of quotations and comments. How about pottage, Bro. Robbins?

The grand secretary, in his report as librarian, notes a large increase of their valuable collection. He takes exception to our criticism, premising that "all men are not masons, and no man sinks his manhood in masonry when he joins the lodge." This may be true enough, but it has no bearing upon the case what-

ever. A masonic library should be confined exclusively to masonic publications, although the temptation is great to include anything and everything which comes along, thus gradually becoming a museum, an historical society, etc., etc., taking up valuable space and incurring considerable expense not intended at the outset. As we remarked last year, "we would draw the line at a patent medicine almanac or an emigration pamphlet, even if donated," and our opinion remains the same to-day.

The report on fraternal correspondence is by the grand secretary; Minnesota for 1889 fraternally noticed. Of Bro. Pierson he says:

Having known him long and intimately for many years, we have no heart to review this last production of his pen.

Of the effort to establish a grand lodge library he observes:

There are a number of intelligent and well bred masons in Minnesota, and it speaks but little to their credit that this effort should have been postponed for so many of the thirty-six years of her history. They now have a new grand secretary, and he cannot better prove the material of which he is made than by taking hold of this enterprise and carrying it on successfully, seeing that he will be backed by a powerful aid without as well as within his grand body.

The 1890 proceedings were received too late for review. However room is found for that portion of the grand master's address relating to Cerneauism, the report of the special committee, and the action of the grand lodge in full, prefaced with the following:

Minnesota is young in years but old in wisdom, and her just utterances should put to shame the older jurisdictions (there being two or three) which have patted the Cerneaus on the back by way of encouraging them in their rebellion against the grand lodges with which they (the grand lodges) are in friendly and fraternal correspondence.

Under the head of Arizona he thus refers to the requirement in some jurisdictions that a grand representative must be a permanent member of the grand lodge receiving him:

Such a law would utterly preclude the adoption of the representative system by the younger grand lodges. There are fifty-five American grand lodges, while the permanent membership of the grand lodge we are reviewing, and probably twenty others, if not double that number, does not equal the half of fifty-five; still we believe that this position should always be filled by live and active masons, regular in their attendance upon the grand lodge to which they are accredited.

The first allusion to grand representatives we remember to have read was made by Bro. James Herring, for many years grand secretary of New York, in his report to the grand lodge in June, 1838:

I also recommend that, in every grand lodge with which this grand lodge is in correspondence, some well known and respectable brother, of the rank of a past master, be appointed as the representative of this grand lodge at the discretion and on the warrant of the grand master. Said representative to be a resident of the state or kingdom in which the grand lodge to which he is commissioned holds masonic jurisdiction, and his duties to be prescribed by this grand lodge. And also that all foreign grand lodges in correspondence with us be allowed a resident representative in this grand lodge. Such representatives to be always clothed in the peculiar costume of the grand lodges they severally represent, and to be allowed the privilege of speaking in grand lodge on all subjects of general interest to the craft or the grand lodge they represent in particular, but without a vote.

The system has undergone many changes since that date, and hardly for the better. Minnesota has never had a regulation upon the subject, but since the controversy of 1887 over an appointed officer who was not a member of the grand lodge such a rule has been tacitly enforced. Prior to that time they were commissioned from the rank and file, and even now quite a number are carried upon the rolls who are neither permanent members nor have darkened our doors for years.

The report closes with Iowa, being a retrospect of the Cerneau legislation, to which is appended the tableaux of that organization as a black list.

A biography of the grand master concludes the handsome volume.

M. W. J. D. Gamble, Knoxville, Grand Master, and R. W. T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; the latter is also the committee on correspondence.

KANSAS, 1890.

The thirty-fourth annual communication was held at Salina, Feb. 19th and 20th, M. W. G. C. Kenyon, Grand Master. Two hundred and thirty-two lodges represented; three hundred and thirty-one upon the roll. Five past grand masters present; also our representative.

Thirteen dispensations issued for new lodges.

The deaths of Bro. William Cowgill, past grand master, and Bro. A. D. McConaughy, past deputy grand master, were announced.

In speaking of the death of Bro. Pierson, the grand master says:

The many thousands of pages of the proceedings of the several masonic grand bodies of Minnesota bear testimony of the valuable services rendered the masonic fraternity by this brother. He was also author of an excellent work, known as the Traditions of Freemasonry. The genial smile of our venerable brother will no more be seen in the southeast corner of the M. : W. : Grand Lodge of Minnesota.

Appropriate mention is also made of Bro. J. H. Brown, who "at the time of the death of this distinguished brother was the honored representative of both the grand lodge and grand chapter of Kansas."

The grand master states that he called upon the lodges for contributions to erect a monument to Bro. Rob. Morris.

A curious circumstance is detailed in the address at considerable length. It seems that a church corner stone was laid fifteen years ago by the craft, at the request of the pastor and trustees, upon one side of which is an inscription, "Laid by W. C. Busick, P. : & P. : M. : , aided by Lincoln Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Oct. 20, A. L. 5875," and upon the other, "Laid Oct. 20, A. D. 1875, in honor of Jesus Christ, Our Chief Corner-stone." The artist in laying out his work made the top lines of each longer than the rest; afterwards the church authorities erased the master's title and the date, which were restored by the lodge. Now, after all these years, the same pastor who joined in the invitation has issued a long printed circular letter in which among other things he complains:

First on this stone you wrote a man's name in larger letters than Christ's, and gave this man a greater title than Christ, viz.: Present and past master.

The grand master goes on to say:

After this circular letter was issued the master of Lincoln Lodge sent me a copy, and informed me that the pastor of the church desired to be heard before the lodge on the proposition of erasing the date, and supplying in place of the P. : & P. : M. : the word overseer; and after giving the matter careful consideration I informed the master that the reply of Lincoln Lodge should be respectful in its tone, but should say that the freemasons of Lincoln were invited to lay the corner stone, and that they

did what they were requested to do in the formal manner known to them; and further than this they have no control over the matter. What shall be or shall not be done rests wholly with the constituted authorities of the church, and they should do whatsoever will satisfy their conscience and conform to the will of the church when clearly made known.

I also informed Lincoln Lodge that, if it had entered upon any discussion of this subject, it had done wrong; and if, after the inscription was partly erased, the lodge took any action in the matter, or if its officers or members took any active part in having the inscription restored, it was a mistake. I also suggested to the master to let the authorities of the church do as they pleased. If they should erase the inscription, or any part of it, or make any change in it, or remove the entire stone, that no notice should be taken of it by the lodge, or adverse criticism be made by any mason.

Innumerable applications for dispensations to confer degrees out of time were received, of which *only* twenty-seven of the more important were granted. Something must be wrong with their law; if amended, the grand master would be relieved of a large amount of unnecessary correspondence.

The following is found among the approved decisions:

1. Under our laws a lodge cannot receive a petition for the mysteries of masonry from a person who has been previously rejected by another lodge governed by the law of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, unless the case is brought clearly within the provisions of section thirty-four, chapter two, of our by-laws.

Of course if it is their law, the decision is eminently proper. In Minnesota we do not believe in perpetual jurisdiction, and the fact of a former rejection is only a basis of inquiry for the committee on petition.

The grand secretary was instructed to add the words approved, modified, or disapproved to the decisions as reported in the address, which is an excellent idea and worthy of imitation.

The completion of the first volume of their reprint, from 1855 to 1865 inclusive, was announced in the grand secretary's report; very gratifying intelligence.

Bro. Enoch Powell delivered an excellent oration, which is printed in the body of the proceedings.

The special committee reported that the present method of disseminating the work by schools of instruction was not only expensive, but had caused considerable dissatisfaction. The matter

was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, who recommended that the 1887 resolutions providing for the appointment of an assistant lecturer in each judicial district, and the holding of schools of instruction at the expense of the grand lodge be rescinded, which report was adopted.

Memorial pages are inserted for Bros. A. T. C. Pierson and J. H. Brown, our deceased past grand masters.

The grand secretary presented the report on correspondence; Minnesota for 1889 receiving two and a half pages, largely consisting of extracts from the address and foreign correspondence report.

The following is taken from under the head of Canada:

We think each grand lodge is morally bound to provide the means for the masonic training of those brethren who owe it allegiance, by and through its private lodges, and see that the work assigned annually is accomplished. Money could not be better expended than by employing, at a fair salary, a corps of competent lecturers, directly amenable to their grand lodge, to impart the necessary instruction in lodges. They should be required to visit each lodge in a given district at least once a year, and remain long enough to give, in outline, the history of masonry as set forth by accurate writers and fully explain the symbolism of each degree, followed by instruction in the private work. That every lodge might be reached the district should be limited in area, so as to include only so many lodges as an active lecturer could visit. Mere skill in ritualism will soon cease to attract, and when that is all, or nearly all, a general attendance of members will rarely occur. To secure the attendance of members themes for thought must be presented, and time and opportunity afforded for their discussion. Intelligent brethren should be encouraged to lecture upon subjects of masonic importance before their own or neighboring lodges, and thus a spirit be awakened and evoked which would arouse others to prepare for and engage in such duty. The field is wide, the cause worthy, and the demand for instruction growing more imperative. Will grand lodges heed the call, and with laudable appreciation provide for answering it by such legislation as will inspire their constituents and give them new encouragement to actively and steadily reëngage in work on the temple.

The above was evidently penned before the session, or at least before his grand lodge abolished the system of assistant lecturers. The theory is a very pretty one and reads well on paper; in practice it amounts to nothing at all. No grand lodge would countenance the expense, even if enough competent brethren

could be found in a jurisdiction to fill the contemplated positions. Those who have the requisite knowledge and ability can rarely afford to render such services for their mere traveling expenses.

M. · W. · J. C. Postlethwaite, Jewell City, Grand Master; R. · W. · J. H. Brown, Kansas City, reëlected Grand Secretary, and is chairman of the committee on correspondence.

KENTUCKY, 1889.

The ninetieth annual communication was held in Louisville, Oct. 22d, 23d, and 24th, M. · W. · J. D. Black, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-five lodges represented; four hundred and thirty-five upon the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Six dispensations for new lodges issued; fifty-nine lodges cited to show cause, thirty-four of which had their charters arrested, an indication that the weeding out process of last year is to be continued.

The death of Bro. R. M. Fairleigh, past grand master, was announced.

Thirty-seven decisions of local interest were reported.

A considerable portion of the very able address is occupied in the discussion of Cerneau masonry, the legislation of the previous years being sustained in a prompt decision. From an answer to questions is taken the following:

Unlike our civil governmental polity, which is the *creature* of the people, and performs secondary or delegated functions, the grand lodge is the creator of the subordinate lodges, and the repository of masonic authority. Whatever superstructure is erected upon symbolic masonry in Kentucky stands upon the foundation, the ground work, laid by the grand lodge. Have we not then the right to say to what uses our beautiful system and symbolisms shall be directed, or who may build upon them? Have we not the right to control our own? If not, then we are without either the right or power of self preservation. Our integrity is destroyed, and decay has already done its blighting work. In these matters the grand lodge is vitally interested, and it will guard with jealous care against hurtful invasion. The moment an "independent rite" begins to operate in the name of masonry, and avowedly build upon the system of degrees referred to, the grand lodge has the right to pronounce judgment upon its legitimacy or illegitimacy, to the extent at

least of interdicting masonic intercourse therewith. That right exists *as necessitate*. It is found in the very nature of the case. It certainly will not do to say that, as we have not received the degrees belonging to these "contending independent rites," we are not competent to pass upon their legitimacy. That would be begging the question.

The proposed constitutional amendment was adopted. After defining the grand bodies generally recognized by the masonic world, it prohibits the taking, receiving, communicating, conferring, or selling, or being present at or assisting in the communication or conferring of any alleged masonic degree by an assembly not held under the authority of one of the acknowledged bodies, under penalty of expulsion.

This action was supplemented by the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, By the action of this grand lodge the Cerneau rite of Scottish masonry has been declared illegitimate, irregular, and clandestine, and

WHEREAS, Many good and loyal master masons have become members of said clandestine body in ignorance of the fact and before the action of this grand lodge; therefore be it

Resolved, That no action shall be taken by any lodge or other body in the obedience of this grand lodge against any member of said body for his past connection with said clandestine body who shall declare his purpose to abide by the decision of this grand lodge, and shall in future abstain from masonic intercourse with said clandestine body or its members.

The adherents of a lost cause will find little comfort in the blue grass region.

The Home, of course, receives due attention. The two hundred and twenty-three inmates are maintained at an annual cost of \$20,000, derived from interest on the endowment fund, from grand lodge appropriations, and the proceeds of St. John festivals held by subordinate lodges in June.

The amount of \$180 was appropriated for the purchase of a portion of the Rob. Morris library, including the plates of the Mnemonics.

A constitutional amendment abolishing the past master's degree was laid upon the table.

The report of the committee on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. J. W. Staton. Minnesota is noticed at considerable length.

Referring to a Delaware resolution requiring the grand lodge proceedings to be read in the subordinate lodges, he remarks:

We will wager our old straw hat, which we have worn for three summers, that the resolution is a dead letter. Kentucky has such a law on her statute book, but if it has ever been enforced we have never heard of it.

The same might be truthfully said in Minnesota, with a very few exceptions.

Under the head of Iowa Bro. H. B. Grant, a member of the committee, defends his use of the term assembly as applied to masonic gatherings, his paper evincing considerable research among ancient authorities.

M. : W. : W. W. Clarke, Hopkinsville, Grand Master; R. : W. : H. B. Grant, Louisville, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. W. Staton, Brooksville, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

1890.

The ninety-first annual communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 1st, 2d, and 3d, M. : W. : W. W. Clark, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty lodges represented; four hundred and twenty-seven upon the roll. Fifteen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Six dispensations for new lodges; nine charters arrested and one surrendered.

A portrait of the grand master elect appears as a frontispiece.

The death of Bro. Charles Eginton, past grand master, was announced.

Fifty decisions were reported, mainly of local interest. We quote:

1. A past grand master of another jurisdiction, unless at the time a member of a lodge subject to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and having received the past master's degree, cannot install the officers of a lodge within this jurisdiction.

5. The grand master has authority to issue charters only in case of the consolidation of lodges.

6. The right to install his successor is as much a prerogative of a master as is the right to perform any other of the functions of his office.

16. There is no law prohibiting a lodge holding its meetings on the first floor. Where such is the case greater care is necessary than when the lodge room is situated in the second or third story.

18. While it is necessary that a petition should state the age of the petitioner, if for initiation, there is no law requiring him to be twenty-one years old. He must, of course, have reached that age before being initiated, and if under that age it might be well for the petition to allege that he will have reached his legal majority before the meeting at which he is to be initiated, else the report of the committee should show that fact.

24. A lodge cannot be lawfully opened more than once the same day. Having been closed on the third degree it should not be again opened that day. It may be called from labor to refreshment as many times as may be necessary before being closed.

26. A fellow craft should wear his apron with one corner turned up.

32. There is no law prohibiting a lodge making a donation to one not a mason.

The grand master recommended the donation of two hundred shares of stock in the temple company, valued at \$19,500, to the masonic home, which was agreed to.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. J. W. Staton, who ably reviews Minnesota in a little over two pages. The following paragraphs will be of interest to the fraternity in this jurisdiction:

The address of the grand master is one of great length, but full of interest. Three full pages are devoted to an eulogium on the life and character of the venerable and lamented Bro. Pierson, and right well has the grand master performed that duty. It was the happy lot of this writer to know Bro. Pierson personally, and for him we have entertained the warmest affection. When it was settled at Atlanta in November last that the general grand chapter would meet in Minneapolis in 1891 we looked forward with pleasant anticipations to another meeting with Bro. Pierson, but on the day we reached Cincinnati, on our return home, we learned that he had expired that morning. Some one at Cincinnati had been wired to that effect. We cannot help but feel a sadness come over us at the loss of these venerable leaders in our masonic Israel, but God will raise up other Joshuas to carry on the good work begun, and it will not fail for want of leaders.

He devotes five and a half pages to the Cerneau question, and has made a fine argument in behalf of legitimate masonry and against the inroads of spurious masonry. It is certainly one of the best which has come under the observation of the writer, and few, if any, have escaped us. Barring one or two small items it is a fine historical document; at least it is good in such a condensed form.

The report of the new grand secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, is a straightforward business paper. He shows himself worthy to wear the mantle of the lamented Bro. Pierson, of whom he speaks in terms of tenderness, and pays a loving tribute to his memory. Bro. Montgomery was the assistant of Bro. Pierson for twelve years. He therefore comes to the office knowing its duties and responsibilities.

The report of the committee on Cerneauism covers the whole ground, and is the ablest exposition of the sovereignty of grand lodge to define masonry that we have read anywhere.

The report on correspondence is signed by our friend Bro. Irving Todd, who, we suppose, prepared it. It embraces seventy pages, and is an excellent paper, but Kentucky for 1889 failed to make connection. We see much that is good in it, but find that we cannot utilize any part by a transfer thereof to our pages. In other words, we agree so nearly that there is nothing left for discussion.

Under the head of Illinois he talks back to Bro. Robbins as follows:

Fortunately we have before us the correspondence which took place between these two distinguished brethren, and we fail to find in it the least sign of a threat to establish blue lodges in Missouri. The only threat used by Bro. Pike in his answer to Bro. Gouley is as follows:

I fail to see how you will go about deterring us from receiving master masons, or them from obtaining our degrees. Averse as I am to controversy, I shall, if you or any body of royal arch masons or templars compel me to it, retort with such force as I can, and I shall not spare the pretenses of chapter masonry or templarism to antiquity, or to the rightful possession of secrets borrowed from the Scottish Rite.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Staton has been elected junior grand warden, and heartily congratulate him and the craft upon the deserved preferment. It is also to be hoped that in due time he will be enabled to obtain farther insight into the grand master's prerogatives by practical experience.

M. : W. : C. H. Fisk, Covington, Grand Master; R. : W. : H. B. Grant, Louisville, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. W. Staton, Brooksville, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

LOUISIANA, 1890.

A centennial celebration of the inauguration of George Washington, first president of the United States, was held at New Orleans, April 30th, 1889, at which orations were delivered in English, German, Spanish, French, and Italian, closing with a banquet. The report occupies forty-five pages of the printed proceedings.

The seventy-eighth annual communication was held at New Orleans, Feb. 10th, 11th and 12th, M. W. C. F. Buck, Grand Master. Sixty-five lodges represented; one hundred and eight upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present, including our representative.

Four dispensations issued for new lodges.

The death of Bro. M. E. Girard, past grand master, was announced.

The following is taken from the annual address:

I refer to this disturbing pretender in the wide domain of freemasonry because, in my opinion, the time has come when silence would be dereliction of duty. I have so much to say to you that must be said of our own local business that I may well be excused for not going into any historic details or controversy on this subject. Besides, so much has been said and written about it, personally and officially, that I am justified in assuming that every member of the grand lodge is thoroughly informed on the subject. The status of Cerneauism, as an illegitimate, clandestine body, has been determined by many grand lodges and other masonic bodies. I have received important circular letters from the grand lodges of Pennsylvania, Iowa, and South Dakota, and a special report on the subject by the committee on foreign correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Florida, and I think the time has come for us to fall into line and give our support to the essential principles of masonic grand lodge jurisdiction and masonic identity which are necessary to the maintenance of free and accepted masonry in its perfect and untainted integrity. In doing this we will not only give expression and effect to an important and vital principle of masonic discipline, but at the same time aid those of our sister jurisdictions who are more directly affected in their struggle to eject this illegal pretender. I would suggest a reference to the committee on masonic law and jurisprudence, with a request that it submit a special report and, if their views accord in the main with those herein expressed, that they submit to this grand lodge the appropriate resolutions to put them in force.

The committee submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The Grand Lodge of Louisiana had occasion many years ago to take the position and act in regard to similar, if not the same, organizations, and had no doubt then, nor has it ever since had doubt, as to its capacity and right to act upon and determine the legitimacy of any body pretending to be masonic and claiming recognition, directly or indirectly, or which might pretend to establish bodies in Louisiana. It has, by reso-

lution, condemned and refused to hold any masonic intercourse or to recognize the legality of several bodies claiming to be masonic, which has encroached in any way upon the jurisdiction and sovereignty of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or upon any of the sister grand lodges with which it is in fraternal correspondence; and has a long time since recognized those organizations of masons whose acts have been favorable to the due exercise of full sovereignty by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana within its jurisdiction. It has acquiesced in and frequently asserted the doctrine that two grand bodies, without at least the concurrence of both, cannot exercise or hold jurisdiction in the same territory at the same time; and hence it follows that it cannot recognize any body claiming to be masonic which encroaches upon the jurisdiction of any other masonic body which it has previously recognized as legitimate.

Having in view the past action of the grand lodge, and seeing no reason why the grand lodge should now reverse that action, your committee cannot see why the Cerneau supreme councils should be regarded as legitimate masonic bodies, they being in jurisdictional conflict with masonic bodies heretofore directly or indirectly holding the grand lodge as legitimate, and feel bound to consider the Cerneau supreme councils and all bodies of masons under them as illegitimate, and not to be recognized by this grand lodge as entitled to receive any recognition whatever.

Your committee do not deem it necessary for the grand lodge to adopt any further legislation upon this subject, deeming this formal expression of opinion sufficient to guard our brethren against any recognition of the Cerneau bodies as claiming to be masonic, and against having any masonic intercourse with them.

Your committee refer to the second resolution on page eighty-nine of the proceedings of 1858, and to third resolution found on page sixty-six and adopted on page eighty-eight of the proceedings of the grand lodge of 1885, as direct confirmation of the views expressed in the body of this report.

Among the decisions was the following:

Downsville Lodge made application for a dispensation to act on the application of a candidate who had not resided the full one year in this state, as required by section sixty-five, grand lodge regulations. As it was not claimed that he was a mariner, I felt constrained to refuse the request. Whatever may be the so-called prerogatives and extra legal powers which the grand master is believed by some to have, I consider him, under the jurisprudence which obtains in this jurisdiction, divested of all discretionary power where the written law is clear and unambiguous. His sole duty in such a case is to know the law, obey it, and see that others do so likewise.

The committee on masonic law and jurisprudence reported thereon as follows, which was adopted:

The committee cannot agree with the grand master, that that officer is "divested of all discretionary power where the written law is clear and unambiguous;" that is the case, perhaps, with regard to the constitution, but it is otherwise relative to the general regulations, edicts, etc. By the nature of our order it is absolutely necessary that the grand master be clothed with certain discretionary powers, which it is impracticable to particularly and accurately define, and by this fact we recognize the utter impossibility to reduce the law into writing so as to cover every possible case that may arise; and the further fact that "times change, and men change with them," in reality constantly changing, perpetually changing, and power must be lodged somewhere in order to obtain that almost perfection in the equitable administration of the law which is never seen except in masonry. Hence the reason for expecting the grand master to report to us what he has done relative to the application and interpretation of the law; the reference of the same to this committee, and the final approval or disapproval thereof by the grand lodge.

The grand master expresses the following hopeful views:

Though in point of membership the gain is still comparatively insignificant, the confidence in the perpetual integrity of freemasonry as the great social and fraternal order of the human race has returned with helpful vigor to stimulate the hopes and arouse the energy of the craft in Louisiana. This is not a mere speculative anticipation; the evidences of the fact are everywhere about us; in the work of the lodge room and the open professions of masons before the world. Throughout the state the masons are bettering their conditions, improving their lodge rooms, desiring after masonic knowledge, extolling the masonic tenets, resurrecting themselves from apathy and torpor to the vitality of active effort; weak in means yet and few in number in some places, but alive with zeal and higher aims everywhere. I confidently assert that masonry in Louisiana is on the high road to a degree of prosperity and success that shall rival the most glorious periods in the history of its existence. If the feeling which exists is taken "at its flood," but few years will be necessary to reach this consummation.

Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows submitted the report on foreign correspondence, divided into topics according to his plan of the past three years, Minnesota appearing in occasional extracts.

M. W. C. P. Buck, Grand Master, and R. W. J. C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of New Orleans.

MAINE, 1890.

The seventy-first annual communication was held at Portland, May 6th, 7th, and 8th, M. : W. : A. E. Chase, Grand Master. One hundred and seventy-two lodges represented; one hundred and eighty-nine upon the roll. Ten past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge issued.

The following is found among the approved decisions:

4. Has the district deputy grand master power to open the lodge he is visiting, if neither the master nor wardens are present? No.

It is conceded in most jurisdictions that the grand master has the right to open and preside in any subordinate lodge at his pleasure. If one of his deputies has not the same authority then he is hardly a representative of his superior officer, and the title is a misnomer. Why not call them plain district deputies?

The committee on public grand honors made the following interesting report based upon replies received from a circular sent out to the various grand masters:

From many jurisdictions answers were received with great promptness, and your committee is able to report to you the method prevailing in thirty-five grand lodges. From the information received it appears that in all the jurisdictions, except four, one of two distinct methods of giving grand honors in public prevail. For the purpose of distinction your committee will call them the Mackey and the Macoy methods.

Bro. A. G. Mackey, in his *Lexicon* published nearly fifty years ago, thus describes public grand honors:

Both arms are crossed on the breast, the left uppermost, and the open palms of the hand sharply striking the shoulders; they are then raised above the head, the palms striking each other, and then made to fall smartly upon the thighs. This is repeated three times, and, as there are three blows given each time, viz., on the breast, on the palms of the hands, and on the thigh, making nine concussions in all, the grand honors are technically said to be given by three times three.

For funeral occasions this manner of giving the grand honors, accompanied by appropriate words, with a few unimportant changes, is now employed in nearly every grand jurisdiction.

But for grand honors to be given on public occasions other than funeral there is a great lack of uniformity, and much "confusion among the workmen" has been occasioned at public ceremonies. In the lists given the committee has placed the jurisdiction as using the method which it reported to be most prevalent.

Those which follow the method given by Mackey are California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Quebec, Vermont, Wisconsin, and, with some variations, Alabama, Canada, Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina cross the right arm over the left on breast. Canada and Florida change the order by raising the hands above the head before crossing arms.

Bro. Robert Macoy, in his *Cyclopedia* published about twenty years ago, says that the public grand honors "consist of clapping the hands three times, in rapid succession," and "are to be given on all public occasions except funerals." In New York they are given "by clapping the hands three times, thrice repeated, commencing with the right hand uppermost, then changing to the left hand uppermost, then back again as in the commencement," and your committee understand this to be the manner of giving these signs meant by Macoy, although his definition is not plain.

The jurisdictions which use the Macoy method are Illinois, Indiana (?), Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Virginia, and, with variations, Colorado, Maryland, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.

Indiana is reported by one brother as using the battery, by another as using no public honors, but we place her in the list above. Colorado gives them thus: "(1) Slap left hand once with right, and reverse; (2) the same twice; (3) the same three times;" and we understand Maryland to give them in the same manner. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia give them by "striking left hand three times with right, right three times with left, left three times, with right, followed by quick clapping of hands alternately three times, ended by striking left hand with right, and stamping at same instant with right foot."

Pennsylvania claims she is peculiar, and strictly follows ancient usage, so has no grand honors to be seen by the profane, no ceremonies except in a tyled lodge, no sign or honor given in public, but we note that in the *Freemason's Monitor*, edited by Bro. Z. A. Davis, is given a ceremony for laying corner stones, with the honors of masonry, in the presence of the chief magistrates and civic officers.

In Arkansas, "the hands are raised above the head, clapped three times, then brought squarely to the hips, repeated three times."

In Rhode Island, "the arms are crossed over the breast and the body inclined forward and backward, this being done three times. In other words, bow three times with arms crossed upon the breast."

In Massachusetts, the same is done, only no mention of bowing was made to us.

In Webb's *Monitor*, and all others which we have seen, the brethren of a new lodge salute the grand master or grand lodge by passing in front with arms crossed upon the breast, and bowing as they pass. They also all, or nearly all, call for the giving of the grand honors at certain

times during public ceremonies, thereby proving that the giving of some sign in public has long been a custom of the craft. But as to what that sign is authorities do not agree. If from the thirty-five jurisdictions reporting to us we exclude Pennsylvania, which has no public honors, and Arkansas, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, which seem to have public honors peculiar to themselves, we find the Mackey method prevailing in eighteen of the thirty-one remaining, and the Macoy in the other thirteen.

If majority rule were to prevail in this matter it is evident that we must recommend for adoption what we have here called the Mackey method of giving public honors, but your committee do not consider it to be of such importance or urgency that it requires to be settled at this session. Many jurisdictions report their uncertainty about it, and a desire to learn the result of our inquiries. We desire further opportunity to investigate the origin of the various methods, and to correspond more fully with well informed brethren before making any recommendations for final action by this grand lodge. We therefore present this partial report (without comments of our own upon facts elicited), hoping it may lead to correspondence and criticisms from other grand lodges, which will aid in giving greater uniformity in public work, not only in Maine, but also in all her sister jurisdictions.

The report was received and ordered published, the committee being continued.

So far as the writer's experience goes the Mackey method is adopted in Minnesota at funerals; the only occasion at which public grand honors are given. The Macoy method we never saw given in a public ceremonial in this jurisdiction.

It is needless to say that the report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. J. H. Drummond. It is his twenty-sixth. Minnesota receives due attention, two pages being devoted to that part of the address referring to Bro. Pierson, of whom he speaks:

We have known him personally for many years, and his death takes away one whom we always held to be a strong pillar of support to masonry, and for whom we cherished a strong affection.

The following paragraph is somewhat personal:

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Irving Todd. The grand secretary is nominally chairman of the committee, but we believe Bro. Todd is to prepare the reports; this one was prepared somewhat hurriedly, as Bro. Pierson died only a few weeks before the session of the grand lodge, but it indicates that the high character of the previous reports is to be maintained.

Under the head of Canada is found the following with reference to public installations:

While the statement that they have gained a foothold is correct, the implication that that has happened within the last eleven years is erroneous. The practice has not been introduced into any jurisdiction within that time, except those into which masonry has been introduced within the same time. As a matter of history they have been held in every jurisdiction in which they are now held from the time when masonry existed therein in an organized form, and the number of jurisdictions in the United States in which they are not recognized or allowed may be counted on the fingers of one hand, with room left to count more.

Under Rhode Island he says:

Masonic rank, wherever legitimately obtained, ought to be recognized the world over; the master mason of one jurisdiction stands on an equality with a master mason of any other jurisdiction; a lodge in another state is recognized as a lodge, as much as a lodge in our own state; the master of a lodge in another state ought, on the same principle, to be recognized as such, precisely as if he had been a master of a lodge in our own state; he gains his rank, not under the special law of one jurisdiction, but under the universal masonic law, as binding as a landmark, once a past master always and everywhere a past master.

The following is given under Tennessee:

It is curious to see how the practice, that a grand master practically appoints the representatives *near his own grand lodge*, has grown up. Formerly a grand master, desiring to make an appointment, selected the representative himself; but sometimes he did not know a suitable person, and so sought information from the grand master of the other grand lodge, who would suggest names; this soon grew to formal nominations; at one time many grand lodges suggested *three* names; naturally the one first named was generally selected, and from that custom it soon came to be understood that it was etiquette to take the one first named; this led to the naming of only one; and the idea soon prevailed that the appointing power was bound to take the one named or nominated; and the natural consequence was that, in case of a vacancy, the grand master of the jurisdiction *to* which the representative was to be accredited took the initiative to fill it. This is all wrong in principle, but has become quite universal usage; this Ohio-Tennessee controversy is a natural consequence; and we sincerely hope that it will cause a "return to first principles."

Bro. Drummond is a persistent advocate of the landmarks and prerogatives, and therefore a common target for the antis. The following from Wyoming is a fair sample of his numerous arguments upon the subject:

But as we now understand him, all he means is that masonry shall be governed by *written* laws only. Will he pardon us for saying that that

is a Utopian idea, which is beyond the power of human beings to realize? We have ponderous volumes of statute civil law, and yet they contain but a small fraction of the law by which we are all governed in our relations to each other in the community. The common law growing out of fundamental principles (which may well be called landmarks) and out of the long usages of the people is invoked as a rule of conduct *ten times* where the written statutes are *once*. Just the same talk has been made about the common law; men have tried to codify it, but the attempt has always been a miserable failure. Like the landmarks and usages of masonry, no two agree as to what it is. Courts have made decisions in relation to it, until the reports of their decisions are so voluminous that it would require a lifetime to read them once. Yet for all this the common law or unwritten law (as it is called) is everywhere recognized as being as valid and binding as the statute law.

M. . W. . A. E. Chase, Grand Master, and R. . W. . Ira Berry, Grand Secretary, both reëlected; Bro. J. H. Drummond chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Portland.

MANITOBA, 1890.

Special communications were held at Winnipeg, Sept. 3d, and at Moosomin, Sept. 20th, 1889, for the purpose of laying corner stones of a synagogue and church.

The fifteenth annual communication was held at Winnipeg, June 11th, 12th, and 13th, M. . W. . J. D. O'Meara, Grand Master. Thirty lodges represented; thirty-six upon the roll. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges; two charters suspended and two surrendered; two lodges consolidated.

The grand master, himself a clergyman, reports seventeen dispensations to lodges to wear regalia at divine service, and adds:

Masonry is not, and does not profess to be a religion, but rightly understood it is its true friend and handmaiden, and never can a mason appear in public, as such, under circumstances more entirely consistent with the truest and best teachings of our order than when joining with his fellow men in paying worship and homage due to his father and his God, and listening to his preached word.

Among the dispensations issued by the deputy grand master during his absence from the jurisdiction were three to lodges to wear regalia at a ball, "through his having misunderstood my wishes in the matter."

Five decisions were reported and approved by the committee:

That the loss of the first two fingers on the right hand below the knuckle and first joint does not so maim a candidate as to incapacitate him from being admitted to the craft.

That the removal of the building in which a hall is situate and the partial rearrangement of the hall does not necessitate its re-dedication.

That a mason who is suspended for non-payment of dues in a lodge in another jurisdiction is *ipso facto* suspended in any lodge in this jurisdiction, although in the latter lodge he may be in perfectly good standing.

That a full receipt for dues does not of itself constitute such a certificate of good standing as is required for affiliation with lodges in this jurisdiction.

That the absence of the past master's degree does not render null and void the official acts of a master who has in other respects been duly elected and installed.

Of a proposed new grand lodge he says:

I have been notified of the intention of certain of the brethren residing in the District of Alberta to constitute a grand lodge to be known as the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Such a grand lodge would manifestly violate one of the most fundamental laws of masonic jurisdiction, viz.: "That each grand lodge must at least be coextensive with some province or state which has a seat of government of its own." Alberta is not a province in this sense of the word. Should the lodges contained in the whole territory under the control of the governmental authorities at Regina apply to us for recognition the case would be entirely different.

Bro. L. D. Boynton, our grand chaplain, was present and occupied a seat in the grand east, also delivering "an interesting and instructive address."

Among the legislation were amendments to the constitution giving past district deputy grand masters the title of right worshipful only by a vote of the grand lodge, and permitting members suspended for non-payment of dues to be restored without a vote of the lodge by paying the amount due within one year from date of suspension; after that time a majority vote is required, but no recommendation nor committee of investigation is required on such petition.

Upon a question of order the grand master ruled that section thirty-two of the constitution debarred proxies of lodges from voting by ballot on motions for altering or amending the constitution. This is not in accord with the usual construction,

that a proxy transfers the rights and privileges of the principal to the person named therein. It may be based upon one of Webster's examples appended to his second definition, which reads as follows:

A wise man will not commit important business to a *proxy*, when he can transact it in person.

Bro. W. G. Scott, chairman of the committee, presented a report on foreign correspondence, but a motion to print as an appendix to the current proceedings was amended as follows:

That no expense be incurred in printing the report of the committee on foreign correspondence, but that said report be received and a vote of thanks accorded the committee for its labors; and that this grand lodge authorizes the expenditure of the sum of \$50, for the purpose of printing a report as an appendix to the proceedings of 1891.

So the report did not appear, a fact which will be generally regretted; still we may hope for one next year. From the well known zeal and ability of Bro. Scott, who is continued at the head of the committee, the craft may expect a good one.

M. : W. : J. A. Ovas, Rapid City, Grand Master; R. : W. : W. G. Scott, Winnipeg, reëlected Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1889.

The one hundred and third annual communication was held at Baltimore, Nov. 19th and 20th, M. : W. : T. J. Shyrock, Grand Master. Eighty-one lodges represented; eighty-four on the roll. One past grand master present, also our representative.

One dispensation issued for new lodge, one charter surrendered, and one declared forfeited.

A convention of lodge secretaries was called by the grand master, with beneficial results to all concerned. The idea is a good one for small jurisdictions.

One decision was reported, that an applicant who had not full use of his eyesight could not be made a mason.

A number of dispensations were issued during the six months for various purposes, indicative that the prerogative has not been abrogated to any great extent in Maryland.

An excursion to Bay Ridge was given in June, which netted \$230.67 for the library fund.

Bro. F. J. S. Gorgas, who is at the head of one of the so-called Cerneau bodies, submitted a written communication, apologizing for having ignorantly visited a body in Paris connected with the Grand Orient of France, and disowning any intention to act contrary to his duty to the grand lodge. The following is one of the concluding paragraphs:

I can conscientiously say that I have beheld with regret the effect upon symbolic masonry which the dissensions of rival Scottish rites have occasioned, and have, therefore, determined to do all in my power towards preserving that harmony and fraternal feeling which masonry inculcates; and in furtherance of this purpose I have fully determined to sever my connection with the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite at the earliest period possible, and to devote my time to symbolic masonry.

On motion of Bro. E. T. Schultz, the communication was received in the spirit in which it was offered, and the explanations and acknowledgments accepted as satisfactory by the grand lodge.

Resolutions were adopted prohibiting all masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France and all masons of its obedience, a reiteration of the legislation of 1870.

A standing resolution was adopted requiring masters and wardens elect to certify previous to installation that they have read the grand lodge constitution and resolutions within sixty days.

M. : W. : T. J. Shyrock, Grand Master, and R. : W. : J. H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Baltimore.

MAY, 1890.

The semi-annual communication was held at Baltimore, May 13th and 14th, M. : W. : T. J. Shyrock, Grand Master. Eighty lodges represented. Two past grand masters and our representative present.

One application for new lodge granted.

The address is full of enthusiasm for the approaching masonic fair and the prospects of wiping out the temple debt. Over two thousand ladies were reported at work.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. E. T. Schultz, the review of Minnesota being wholly devoted to extracts referring to the life and character of our late Bro. Pierson.

In reply to Indiana he says:

One of our grand masters was continued in office thirteen years, another eighteen, others two to seven years, the average being since the formation of our grand lodge about three and a half years. In no case has the *high powers* recognized by us as existing in the grand master ever been abused.

Quoting the action of Iowa in relation to a proposed masonic home he remarks:

We regard the above eminently proper. We think this orphans' and widows' home business is being overdone. There are but few jurisdictions in which such institutions are absolutely needed, or in which they can be successfully conducted.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1888.

Special communications were held April 30th, for the constitution of Winthrop Lodge; June 21st, for the dedication of a monument to Henry Price, the first provincial grand master; June 26th, for the celebration of St. John's Day; July 4th, for the laying of the corner stone of a town hall and high school building at Southbridge.

A quarterly communication was held at Boston June 13th, M. : W. : Henry Endicott, Grand Master.

The death of Bro. W. S. Gardner, past grand master, was appropriately announced, also that of Bro. Charles Tufts, who had been secretary of Amicable Lodge, in Cambridge, since Dec. 22d, 1830.

A portrait of Bro. A. H. Howland, jr., past grand master, was presented by the family.

One charter granted and one surrendered.

In our last report allusion was made to the non-receipt of the 1888 proceedings, a complaint quite general among the corps. A subsequent personal visit upon Bro. Nickerson led to the explanation that he was withholding them to verify certain data in an historical address delivered by him in commemoration of the

life and services of Bro. Henry Price, and voted to be published. As their four pamphlets are paged consecutively for the year, of course the others could not be printed in advance of the second quarterly.

A few weeks later the delayed volume came to hand, and the craft are well repaid for waiting. The address is an able and exhaustive review of the controversy with Pennsylvania as to the real founder of freemasonry in North America, supplementing the extensive researches of Bro. Gardner as given in his annual address seventeen years previous. It is greatly regretted that the learned brother could not have lived and taken part in the interesting ceremonial at Townsend. A fine portrait of Maj. Price and engravings of the monument erected over his remains in the new cemetery and of the medal struck in his memory appear therewith, together with a report of The Feast.

The third quarterly was held Sept. 12th, and specials Oct. 4th and Nov. 21st for the dedication of masonic halls in Somerville and Yarmouth.

The fourth quarterly was held Dec. 12th. The deaths of two past senior grand wardens were announced, together with that of Bro. A. T. Lowe, who was made a mason in 1817. He had lived under the administration of every president, and was the oldest living representative of the state legislature and the oldest graduate of Dartmouth College.

The original slate headstone of Henry Price has been removed to the temple in Boston, suitably framed, and set up in the corridor.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted providing for the appointment of grand lecturers.

M. : W. : Henry Endicott was unanimously reëlected Grand Master and R. : W. : S. D. Nickerson Recording Grand Secretary; both of Cambridge.

At a stated communication held Dec. 27th the grand officers were installed and The Grand Feast observed.

Special communications were afterwards held Jan. 10th, for the constitution of Golden Rule Lodge, and Feb. 22d, for the laying of the corner stone of the post office in Springfield.

1889.

At the quarterly held March 13th the death of the Rev. Fielder Israel, grand chaplain, was announced. He was buried in Baltimore, by the Grand Lodge of Maryland. Also that of the Rev. David Trumbull, district deputy for Chili.

A special was held May 15th, for the laying of the corner stone of a city hall at Cambridge.

A quarterly was held June 12th, and specials Aug. 1st, for the dedication of a monument at Plymouth in commemoration of the Pilgrim Forefathers, and Aug. 8th, for the laying of the corner stone of a court house at Fall River.

A quarterly was held Sept. 11th, at which the death of Bro. A. H. Sweetser, past grand warden, was announced.

The application of W. D. Jaynes to be formally healed was denied, and he was declared a clandestine mason. It appears that he was initiated in Fidelity Lodge No. 39, at Austin, Minn., Nov. 4th, 1874, passed Jan. 6th, 1875, but was refused further advancement for sufficient reasons. In 1882 he received the three degrees in Harmony Lodge at Northfield, Mass., stating in his application that he had not before applied for initiation. The further facts were shown that he had recently been fined for beating his wife, had been placed under bonds to keep the peace, and that his family had left him. He is evidently a bad egg.

At the quarterly held Dec. 11th the annual address was delivered; a practical business document.

One charter for new lodge granted.

There are two hundred and twenty-six lodges in the state and five in foreign countries, with a total membership of thirty thousand, one hundred, and ten.

The expense of the grand lecturer for the year was \$1,375 salary and \$98.40 traveling expenses. It must be remembered, however, that Massachusetts is a small, compact state, where every member of the grand lodge can return home the same day, the numerous sessions only lasting three or four hours each as a rule.

M. . W. . Samuel Wells, Boston, was elected Grand Master, and R. . W. . S. D. Nickerson reelected Recording Grand Secretary.

A committee was appointed to consider the application for building a memorial temple at Fredericksburg, Va., to commemorate the masonic life and character of Gen. George Washington, who received the degrees in Lodge No. 4 of that town.

Specials were held at Boston, Dec. 21st, for laying the corner stone of an extension to the state house, and at Billerica, Dec. 23d, for the constitution of Thomas Talbot Lodge.

At the stated communication, Dec. 27th, the grand officers were installed, a handsome jewel presented to the retiring grand master by the brethren of his home lodge, closing with the usual festivities in the banquet hall.

MICHIGAN, 1890.

The forty-sixth annual communication was held at Lansing, Jan. 28th and 29th, M. . W. . W. I. Babcock, Grand Master. Three hundred and thirty-six lodges represented; three hundred and sixty-three upon the roll. Fifteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges; four lodges consolidated into two.

A fine engraving of the grand master faces the title page.

Among the various corner stones laid was that of the masonic home, May 21, 1889, which has now become an established fact.

The death of Bro. S. C. Coffinberry, past grand master, was announced.

Michigan still leads in the way of decisions, seventy-seven being reported at this session. It is difficult to understand what need they have of a blue book. Most of them are of local interest only. We quote:

18. When one, by mistake and through a misapprehension of a clandestine character of a lodge, has applied to and received certain so-called masonic degrees in such clandestine lodge, there is no reason

why, if elected to receive the degrees in a regular lodge, he should not receive them; but you should make yourself doubly sure as to the character and standing of such a candidate.

27. A lodge may, at its discretion, give masonic burial to an unaffiliated mason, whatever the age of his dimit.

28. A lodge properly takes charge at a masonic funeral, after all other services are concluded, after which no other services should be intermingled with the masonic service, and the masonic service should conclude the burial. This understanding should always be had in advance, so as to avoid friction.

38. A vote granting a dimit once had cannot be reconsidered, nor can a dimit be canceled so as to restore a dimitted brother to membership, nor can the brother, now a resident of another state, petition a lodge here for membership.

39. The master has no power to order a brother, not the junior warden, to prefer charges against a brother.

40. A masonic offense does not outlaw, but if an offense was committed years ago, and the fact of the commission of such offense has been notorious, and the conduct of the brother committing it has since been free from culpability, the charges for the old offense should not be entertained.

47. If upon trial a brother should be found guilty, or if a brother should plead guilty, the lodge should proceed to inflict the penalty. Grand lodge has held that a lodge, upon conviction, must inflict some one of the penalties known to masonic law. If the lodge should decline to inflict either of the first three penalties provided by law, to-wit.: expulsion, indefinite suspension, or definite suspension, it would be the duty of the master to impose the only remaining penalty, viz.: reprimand, without a ballot. If any brother is aggrieved because a greater penalty is not imposed he has the right of appeal to grand lodge.

53. Counsel for an accused and absent brother, appointed by the master to defend, has no authority to enter a plea of guilty for the accused, and, inasmuch as this was done, there must be a retrial. In such case the master should direct the entry on the records a plea of not guilty.

54. There is no law which disqualifies a master for presiding at a masonic trial because of his relationship to the accused or accuser.

76. A lodge may have a public installation of its officers. Having appointed a public installation, an objection by a brother to the presence of any persons, not masons, should not be entertained. The lodge must be opened and closed by masons exclusively.

77. A lodge cannot divide up its moneys between members for any purpose. Lodge funds are sacred to masonic uses, and when it seeks to misapply them grand lodge may interfere. Nor can a lodge vote money to be used by certain of its members for the payment of a charter or dispensation fee for a new lodge.

In an appeal case which had been pending since 1887 the special committee, consisting of three past grand masters, submitted a lengthy report, from which we extract the following:

It follows that the action of grand lodge in restoring Rupert to the rights and benefits of masonry without affiliation was not in accordance with our constitution, regulations, and penal code, and was rightly set aside by this grand lodge at its last session.

This does not harmonize with the following decision of the grand master, which was approved by the committee on jurisprudence:

34 When grand lodge on appeal sets aside a judgment of expulsion and restores the applicant to all the rights and benefits of masonry, but without affiliation, such brother is entitled to a certificate upon which he may apply to his former lodge, or to any other lodge within the jurisdiction, for membership. Should he apply to his own lodge, no proceedings as for restoration are necessary nor can he be admitted except by unanimous vote.

The committee was continued for the purpose of investigating the merits of the case, to report at next session. The question of restoration with or without affiliation, however, remains an open one.

A resolution was adopted appropriating \$3,000 to the Masonic Home Association, with the following proviso:

This grand lodge assuming no responsibility for its control or management; the grand lodge reasserting the doctrine so long held by it, that it is not competent to assess masons or lodges for charitable purposes.

The sum of \$262.10 was contributed by the brethren to assist the widow of a deceased brother in lifting a mortgage, a more creditable act than the rearing of expensive buildings in the name of charity. Not that we are opposed to the latter by any manner of means, that is if the jurisdiction is able and willing to indulge in costly experiments.

There was no report on foreign correspondence, Bro. J. W. McGrath's revised digest taking its place in the appendix.

M. W. J. S. Cross, Bangor, Grand Master; R. W. W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids, reelected Grand Secretary, and continued as chairman of committee on foreign correspondence.

MISSISSIPPI, 1890.

The seventy-second annual communication was held at Greenville, Feb. 13th and 14th, M. · W. · W. G. Paxton, Grand Master. Two hundred and twelve lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-eight upon the roll. Ten past grand masters present.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; four charters arrested and one surrendered.

The deaths of Bros. R. P. Bowen, C. T. Murphy, and W. S. Patton, past grand masters, were announced.

The following are among the approved decisions:

6. Is a non-contributing non-affiliate entitled to masonic burial? No. And "cannot be permitted to receive it."

20. Can a lodge under dispensation affiliate members? No.

22. Can a master elect be installed and preside over his lodge without first receiving the "secrets of his clan?" No. Investing a master elect with the degree of past master is universally acknowledged a *sine qui non* in qualifying him for the chair.

23. A dimit is granted, but not taken. Application is made to grand master to declare action null and void; that is, to restore the brother to membership. The grand master possesses no such authority, not even under the vague and shadowy dogma of "inherent powers." The action of lodge in granting dimit was final and conclusive.

Referring to a large number of dispensations granted or refused for various purposes, the grand master defines his position as follows:

What may be the inherent powers of a grand master is open to question and discussion. And, whatever the conclusion, the dogma is one with which this incumbent of that high station has little patience. Certain powers are, however, distinctly vested in the grand master which cannot be questioned. As masons we, of this jurisdiction at least, believe and declare that it is not within the power of any man or body of men to make innovations upon the body of masonry. By this term we designate what are known as the landmarks, and in them is declared and set forth, among others, the prerogative of the grand master "to grant dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times," even to the extent of "making masons at sight" (whatever that may mean), and further that these landmarks can never be changed.

An elaborate report upon the subject of establishing a masonic home was made by Bro. A. H. Barkley, and a report of the joint committee of the grand lodge, chapter, council, and commandery mapping out the preliminary details and providing for a per capita tax of twenty cents unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Among the cases before the committee on complaints and appeals was that of Bahala Lodge. Its master plead guilty in court to retailing whisky unlawfully, and was fined and imprisoned. The grand master arrested his jewel and placed the lodge in charge of the senior warden. At the ensuing annual meeting he was reëlected and installed, notwithstanding the lodge had been advised by the district deputy grand master that such action would be unlawful and in contempt of the authority of the grand master. The latter therefore had no alternative but to arrest its charter. A trial was had in grand lodge, the master found guilty, and he was suspended for two years. The charter of the lodge was revoked and annulled.

A resolution was adopted instructing the committee on the state of the craft to consider the advisability of biennial sessions and report next year.

A memorial page is given to Bro. A. T. C. Pierson.

Bro. A. H. Barkley presented the report on foreign correspondence; Minnesota briefly noticed. Of Bro. Pierson he says:

Every time we take up one of his reports we feel like we were sitting down by and conversing with a well known and familiar friend.

Since writing the above we have read: "Bro. A. T. C. Pierson has entered into rest." No more shall we read his fraternal greetings. His labors on earth are ended. He has laid down the working tools, and his work has gone up to be inspected. May he hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

The following appears under the head of Ohio:

Cerneauism has no advocates so far as I know among Mississippi masons. Should a lodge in this grand jurisdiction, after due warning, give aid and comfort to this secret enemy of freemasonry, its charter would at once be arrested and pass into the hands of the grand secretary for safe keeping until such time as the brethren should come to their right minds and do works mete for repentance. Loyalty to the supreme authority of the grand lodge is the order of the day in Mississippi. Those who are not of us must go out from us.

M.: W.: John Riley, Kosciusko, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. L. Power, Jackson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. H. Barkley, Crawford, continued as foreign correspondence reporter.

MISSOURI, 1890.

The seventieth annual communication was held at St. Louis, Oct. 14th, 15th, and 16th, M. W. Theodore Brace, Grand Master. Two hundred and four lodges represented; five hundred and thirty-six upon the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Fifteen dispensations for new lodges; two charters arrested, and two surrendered; four lodges consolidated into two.

The death of Bro. J. E. Cadle, past grand master, was announced.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

1. That a lodge has no right to refuse one of its members, a master mason in good standing, masonic burial, when such burial is properly requested, because, by his request, his body is to be thereafter cremated,

4. A master mason who has been elected, installed, and served as warden in a regular lodge under the jurisdiction of another grand lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Missouri is eligible to the office of master of a lodge within this jurisdiction.

9. A lodge should not vouch for the proficiency of the proposed master and wardens of a new lodge, unless each of the wardens is qualified to take the east in the absence of the master and do his work.

The grand secretary announces that he commenced mailing the proceedings two days after the close of the session, which is unusually quick work, although by having everything in type beforehand it is not so difficult a matter as might be supposed from the size of the volume.

The committee on masonic comity reported as follows, which was adopted:

The special committee appointed by the grand lodge in 1888, to whom again the comity between grand lodges on the subject matter of concurrent border jurisdiction is referred, report that, in the opinion of this committee, it is wise and prudent that each grand lodge should maintain inviolate its jurisdiction over all petitioners within its borders.

It is a recognized masonic law that a master mason may reside within one jurisdiction while his masonic home may be in another; in other words, his masonic home can be selected at his own volition. The multiplying of facilities to make master masons, removing almost every difficulty and hardship in the way, has had no tendency to elevate the character of material admitted into the lodges, nor cause a higher appreciation of the principles of masonry.

Why extend to a sister grand lodge a privilege which we deny to the lodges of our own jurisdiction? When it is known that state lines define the jurisdiction, no mistake can be easily made. It is not an infrequent fact that ill feeling is engendered, and harmony existing between lodges is destroyed, by the eagerness for receiving petitions which is blind to the line equidistant between them. To concur in the legislation proposed by our sister Grand Lodge of Iowa necessitates the amendment of our law, and will produce confusion, and a state of facts that may eventually lead to the marring of that peace and harmony which now characterizes our relations, and so worthy the benediction of "Behold how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Minnesota and Missouri having declined to deviate from the usual course in such cases, and South Dakota not having taken any notice at all of the request from Iowa, the matter resolves itself into innocuous desuetude, if we may be permitted the quotation.

The various reports upon the masonic home, showing that the twenty five inmates had been provided for during the first year at an expense of about \$500 each, were read and accepted, and the donation of \$5,000 from the grand lodge continued. Missouri has abundant reason to be proud of her efforts in this direction.

The report on correspondence was submitted by the grand secretary, Minnesota fraternally noticed. We extract the following:

A brief report was rendered by the new grand secretary, who succeeds the lamented Bro. Pierson. From the tone of his report I should judge Bro. Montgomery to be an active, capable, and hard working officer.

A brief report on correspondence was rendered by Bro. Irving Todd, covering seventy pages, in which he noticed the transactions of fifty-one grand lodges. Of course his work is a mere summary, containing numerous extracts from the proceedings reviewed. Bro. Todd succeeds to the position so long and ably filled by Bro. Pierson. Missouri received the benefit of some four pages. The report is creditable for a beginner, and for myself I extend to Bro. Todd a cordial welcome to the ranks of masonic reporters.

The Kentucky report on foreign correspondence is commented upon as follows:

The review was written throughout, being without extract. He has a prejudice to using the scissors, as his reverence for grand lodge proceedings is so great that he cannot afford to cut them up. I presume Bro. Staton is not furnished with the full quota of proceedings which we grand secretaries have at our command when making reports on correspondence. Four copies of proceedings come from nearly all grand

lodges with which Missouri is in correspondence. Consequently I have free scope in making my reviews and employ the scissors freely, as I find much in the reports better suited to my readers than anything emanating from my pen. Then it is so much easier to excerpt than to compose, you know.

Our regard for masonic proceedings is fully equal to that of Bro. Staton's; we would no more think of running our scissors into one of these valuable pamphlets than Bro. Vincil would into his Bible or hymn book. A far better plan is to mark passages and send the books along with the copy, but our library is twenty miles from the printer, and therefore everything has to be laboriously copied.

Yes, it is comparatively easy to excerpt when one has the requisite faculty and practice, yet an active experience of thirty years in the editorial department of a newspaper has taught us that almost anyone can write the articles when the subjects and line of treatment are mapped out for him, but that it requires the best man in the shop to do the clipping. A good exchange editor is born, not made, with the nose for news as an inheritance.

Bro. Vincil is utterly and unalterably opposed to the so-called higher degrees, yet we find the following under New Hampshire:

I have to say for myself that brethren who belong to our lodges should not allow themselves to be drawn into and become members of this irregular, irresponsible, and unauthorized organization. Where a grand lodge has uttered its views against any organization claiming to be masonic the members of the lodges in that jurisdiction should obey the authority of the grand lodge.

M. : W. : G. E. Walker, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. D. Vincil reëlected Grand Secretary; both of St. Louis. The latter is also chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MONTANA, 1890.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Livingston, Sept. 24th and 25th, R. : W. : W. T. Boardman, Deputy Grand Master. Twenty-nine lodges represented; thirty-three upon the roll. Eight past grand masters represented; our representative absent.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge; one charter surrendered.

Bro. John Anderson, grand master, was detained at home by illness, but an address was afterwards prepared and printed in the proceedings, together with his portrait.

The special committee, to whom was referred the matter of celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the grand lodge at Virginia City, reported adversely on the ground of expense and inaccessibility, which report was adopted.

The committee on testimonials reported that the ten living past grand masters in the jurisdiction had each been presented with a silver tea service, as a token of grateful remembrance.

The use of the hall for several hours of the second day was yielded to those engaged in organizing an eastern star chapter.

The standing resolution concerning non-affiliates was repealed, and a new one adopted, permitting them to visit for one year, but after that time they are not to have any of the privileges accorded to members of lodges unless the non-affiliation is caused by rejection.

The report of the jurisprudence committee recommending one ballot for the three degrees failed to receive a two-thirds majority, consequently was declared not adopted.

The date of holding the annual communications was changed to the second Wednesday in October.

It was voted to appoint no district deputies for the ensuing year, their duties devolving upon a grand lecturer, with an allowance of \$500 for time and traveling expenses.

The grand officers were publicly installed, the session closing with a banquet and ball.

The report on fraternal correspondence was submitted by the grand secretary, Minnesota kindly noticed. We extract the following:

With painful hesitation and regret we take up this volume of Minnesota proceedings for 1890. We are constantly and everywhere reminded of one who is gone before, and whose guiding hands and genius were always heretofore visible and tangible in their annual contribution since we have known anything of masonry in Minnesota. And yet we have never met face to face, though corresponding for years. And it was only the day before we heard the sad news of his death that we received from Bro. Pierson a warm, fraternal message by the mouth of a brother who had left him a few days before in health. And now we mourn that

we can never more indulge the pleasant anticipation of a personal meeting. It is some consolation to know that he suffered no long, lingering illness, and that death found him busy at his accustomed post of duty.

This volume of the thirty-seventh annual communication is enriched with the pictured presence of two past grand masters, H. R. Denny, 1884-85, and R. H. Gove, 1886. With the latter brother we have the honor and pleasure of a personal acquaintance, and in his bereavement have deeply sympathized with him.

Bro. Irving Todd briefly reviews correspondence. We presume that he is the same who is the author of the digest. We have heard before that a tod was good for digestion. He finds it harder to digest a volume of proceedings than a grand master's decision. He comes back on us good for abbreviations. Our printer followed copy too close.

M. : W. : W. T. Boardman, Grand Master; R. : W. : Cornelius Hedges reelected Grand Secretary; both of Helena. The latter is also chairman of the committee on correspondence.

NEBRASKA, 1890.

The thirty-third annual communication was held at Omaha, June 18th, 19th, and 20th, M. : W. : J. J. Mercer, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-one lodges represented; one hundred and seventy-nine upon the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present; also our representative.

Twelve dispensations for new lodges.

Speaking of the condition of the jurisdiction the address says:

In reviewing the events of the past year as affecting the interests of masonry in this jurisdiction I am gratified to report a general prosperity among the subordinate bodies, not only in growth, but in financial and masonic standing. The condition of the lodges throughout the jurisdiction compares favorably with their standing in former years, and harmony generally prevails. There still exists, however, the usual degree of confusion and discord resulting from the abuse and misuse of the ballot and the unseemly desire for office, constant sources of trouble and vexation. These irregularities are the natural results of the careless action of lodges in the past through the admission of members, and the lodges are now suffering, justly, perhaps, from the neglect of prudent and thorough investigation of the material composing them. The chief defect in the management of many lodges is their anxiety for work and the consequent increase of members at the expense of almost all the other essentials of masonic purpose and practice. These evils will continue to annoy and embarrass until the brethren learn to appreciate the fact that, unlike all other organizations, masonry derives no strength from numbers merely, that intelligence and virtue are the only prerequisites for admission to membership, and that true prosperity con-

sists in the cultivation and practice of the moral and social virtues. A more intimate knowledge of the history, laws, and customs of the craft, obedience to its requirements, and a willing compliance with the obligations of masonry in the spirit of love, honor, and truth will do much towards elevating our masonic standard.

A large number of dispensations were granted to confer degrees out of time and to elect and install officers.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

3. The grand master cannot grant a dispensation for a reconsideration nor in any other way interfere with the ballot.

4. After the usual business of the lodge has been transacted and the lodge closed in regular form, any work done immediately after by reopening the lodge would have to be done under a special meeting, and the record made up as a special meeting for such business as the meeting was called.

7. There is no limit of time within which an entered apprentice or fellow craft may be required to advance. His advancement must be of his own accord.

10. A brother having been elected an officer of a lodge, but not installed, is not debarred a dimit.

12. A lodge cannot grant a dimit to any one of its officers during the term for which he was elected and installed, and any attempt to grant a dimit under such circumstances is not only irregular but void.

13. The grand master cannot issue a dispensation to authorize the initiation of a person who has been rejected by a lodge, for it is the inherent right of a lodge to judge the fitness of its own members, and the grand master cannot, by the exercise of his dispensing power, interfere with this inherent right.

15. A visitor has a right to know that the lodge he proposes to visit is a legal body, and he has the right to inspect the warrant or charter at a proper time, but he has no right to put the lodge or its officers to any trouble or inconvenience while at work. The master would be justified in refusing to allow the charter or warrant to be taken out of the lodge room while the lodge is in session.

Twenty-two pages of the address are devoted to Scottish Rite masonry. The grand master says that shortly after the last annual communication certain prominent masons of its obedience circulated garbled reports as to the action had, omitting the following essential clauses:

1. That two bodies claiming to be masonic, of the same grade, cannot lawfully exist in the same state at the same time.

2. That the first lawfully constituted authority established in a state thereby obtains exclusive jurisdiction in such territory, and that any other body of the same grade or right, entering later within such territory, is in itself unlawful.

Whereupon he issued an edict officially declaring that the only legitimate and lawfully constituted masonic authority of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Nebraska was that of the Southern Jurisdiction, presided over by Bro. Albert Pike, and that all others were unlawful and clandestine, their creation and maintenance a menace to the peace, tranquility, and harmony of the craft, and earnestly exhorting and enjoining all brethren to refrain from joining either of the Cerneau bodies, or if already members to withdraw from such association. When it is considered that the body thus referred to had been in peaceable possession of the territory for more than twenty-one years this interpretation of their grand lodge enactments is undeniably moderate and temperate.

Nebraska Lodge No. 1, of Omaha, took exception in a lengthy resolution, bowing in mock reverence to the will of the grand master in his constitutional rights, powers, and prerogatives over the first three degrees, but denying his authority in the premises, denouncing the edict as a usurpation and a base innovation, requesting that the protest be read at three consecutive meetings in all the lodges and posted in the ante-rooms, and that report be made to it of action taken.

The grand master, as a matter of course, could not overlook the gross insubordination, and promptly arrested the charter, suspended the master and wardens from office, and took possession of the lodge property.

In submitting the papers and correspondence he gives an interesting and valuable review of the legislation in their own and other jurisdictions, together with a well considered argument in defense of his construction of law and efforts to honestly enforce it.

The committee on doings of grand officers reported the following resolution, which was adopted by a vote of three hundred and forty-five to one hundred and thirty-nine:

Resolved, That we unequivocally approve, sustain, and indorse the grand master in the issuance of Edict No. 1, of July 20th, 1889, his subsequent arrest of the charter of Nebraska Lodge No. 1, and the suspension from office of the three principal officers thereof for insubordination and contumacy.

The grand master was authorized to restore the charter to such of its members as should file a written renunciation of the lodge action within sixty days, and the master and wardens were given the same time to express contrition or have charges preferred.

Bro. J. P. A. Black delivered a quite lengthy oration.

There was no report on foreign correspondence, the grand officers being obliged to borrow money to pay current expenses.

M. W. R. E. French, Kearney, Grand Master; R. W. W. R. Bowen, Omaha, reëlected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1890.

A special communication was held at Winnemucca, Sept. 7th, to lay the corner stone of a masonic hall.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Carson City, June 10th and 11th, M. W. C. W. Hinchcliffe, Grand Master. Seventeen lodges represented; nineteen upon the roll. Two past grand masters present.

The death of Bro. D. C. McKenney, past grand master, was announced.

The following is taken from the grand master's address:

The returns from the various lodges within this grand jurisdiction show a loss of two in membership, which will be more than offset in acquisitions by initiation since the compilation of these returns in April last. Hence the actual results for the masonic year show an increase in membership, which is especially gratifying in view of the fact that there has existed an almost general business depression in our chief industry within the state, causing many of our brethren to seek employment and masonic homes abroad.

A condensed report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. R. L. Fulton; Minnesota briefly noticed. Of Bro. Pierson he says:

He was the most learned, most honored, and most widely known mason in the northwest. In every department, field, and branch of masonry he was a most skilled and master workman. He had devoted his life to the good cause of masonry, and died at his post with his pen almost literally in his hand. His patriarchal presence, his genial smile, his fraternal greetings, his sage counsels, we shall enjoy no more on earth.

A digest of decisions upon masonic jurisprudence is also given under proper headings.

M. : W. : J. W. Eckley, Virginia City, Grand Master; R. : W. : C. N. Noteware, Carson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. R. L. Fulton, Reno, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1890.

The twenty-third annual communication was held at St. John, April 22d and 23d, M. : W. : Thomas Walker, Grand Master. Nineteen lodges represented; thirty-two upon the roll. Our representative in the grand east.

The death of Bro. B. R. Stevenson, past grand master, was announced.

M. : W. : Thomas Walker, Grand Master, and V. : W. : E. J. Wetmore, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; both of St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1890.

The semi-annual communication was held at Manchester, Dec. 27th.

The one hundred and first annual communication was held at Concord, May 21st, M. : W. : G. W. Currier, Grand Master. Fifty-two lodges represented; seventy-six upon the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges.

The deaths of Bros. J. E. Sargent and John Christie, past grand masters, were announced. The latter was made a mason in 1826, and was grand master in 1847-50. He was also the oldest member of the northern jurisdiction.

The only legislation of general interest consisted in the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That masonic lodges shall not rent their rooms to, nor allow them to be occupied or used by, any body that is not recognized as legitimate by the regularly constituted masonic bodies in New Hampshire.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. A. S. Wait; Minnesota for 1889 courteously reviewed, with numerous extracts from Bro. Pierson's last report.

We do not agree with his views of non-intercourse. If the Grand Lodge of Minnesota should sever fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, then no Minnesota lodge could receive a New Hampshire mason as a visitor, nor could any Minnesota mason visit a New Hampshire lodge. This is the generally accepted rule, as we understand it. Should a mason from Minnesota, however, meet a mason from New Hampshire upon neutral ground it would hardly be necessary to create a scene in the lodge room; both undoubtedly would be received as visitors in the ordinary manner.

Referring to the Ohio-Tennessee controversy he says:

From the time that this system of mutual representation among grand lodges arose, as we understand it, the practice has been for the name of the representative to be suggested from the jurisdiction to which he is to be accredited. And from the nature of the conditions this could hardly be otherwise. As the representative appointed is not sent from the jurisdiction which he is to represent, but is a resident of the jurisdiction to which he is accredited, the selection could hardly be made in any other way, especially in jurisdictions distant from each other.

This does not accord with the history of the grand representative system; the plan of nominations from the jurisdiction to which they are accredited is comparatively of modern date.

In his conclusion he says:

Of this Cerneauism, of its merits or demerits, we have nothing beyond what is familiar to the craft at large. But no one can fail to see that it has become an apple of discord and a source of confusion in the body of the masonic fraternity, and we do not see how any brother can fail to regard its continued existence as a perpetual interruption to its harmony, if not even a menace to its united existence.

Saying nothing of the masonic purity of these bodies, for of that, we repeat, we know nothing, we can but ask our brethren who are identified with them, and we trust we do it in the fraternal spirit which should dictate the conduct of every mason, what is the object of the formation of these bodies? What work is to be carried on, and what purpose is to be accomplished by means of them, which could not be better pursued, and with better and greater results, by the whole rite united in a single and consolidated organization.

Judging from the position heretofore assumed by our grand lodge upon the subject, we suppose it not probable that the interdicts against these bodies, which have been promulgated in other masonic jurisdictions, will be repeated in New Hampshire, nor, as at present advised, should we wish to have our grand lodge commit itself to such a proced-

ure. But, speaking from a position involving no responsibility but for ourselves, we present this subject to the better judgment and the fraternal candor of our brethren who are identified with this movement. If the object is truly masonic, why seek its accomplishments by divided effort, when union would be sure to accomplish better and more speedy results? But, brethren, when experience has shown that your movement is fraught with discord and confusion in the fraternity, what is the responsibility, as masons and men, which you assume in still sustaining the cause of the evil? In New Hampshire it is only to your consciences that you must answer; but, brethren, realize that that is the most fearful, the most inexorable tribunal before which you can appear.

Allow me to recall your attention to the fact which appears in our review, in this report, of the jurisdiction of Maryland and the District of Columbia, that the official head of your body, as a direct consequence of his position as such, has become so deeply compromised, and his masonic rectitude has been brought into such suspicion among the brethren, and he has come to feel so keenly the position in which he is placed, that he has openly declared to his own grand lodge his intention to withdraw wholly from the Scottish Rite and devote himself exclusively to the rite of the blue lodge. If this course has become a necessity with him, as the direct consequence of his official position, in the interests of his own honor, how can it be judicious, or even safe, for you to persevere in a cause thus abandoned?

We have said thus much from a deep sense of the gravity of the occasion. Whether our words are wise the result must determine, but that they are words of soberness we can declare; that they are not set down in malice we trust our brethren will believe.

M. : W. : F. D. Woodbury, Grand Master; R. : W. : G. P. Cleaves reëlected Grand Secretary, both of Concord; Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1890.

The one hundred and third annual communication was held at Trenton, Jan. 29th and 30th, M. : W. : C. H. Mann, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-three lodges represented; one hundred and sixty upon the roll. Seven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

A fine portrait of Bro. R. M. Moore, past grand master, faces the title page.

The grand master announces that in the case of a resident of their jurisdiction, who was made a mason during a recent visit to Ireland, that the Grand Lodge of Ireland had decided that he

"must submit to the rules and customs of the grand lodge of the state in which he resides," and that the proper steps were being taken to have him healed by an application for waiver of jurisdiction. This departure is very gratifying intelligence. He also states that a similar matter was being satisfactorily arranged by the Grand Lodge of New York. This is not the Lemm case, which is still in abeyance, and bids fair to become historical.

Among his recommendations was that the Cerneau matter be referred to the committee on masonic jurisprudence, to take such action as the circumstances seem to require. The committee reported as follows, which was adopted:

The Grand Lodge of New Jersey, having never formally recognized as masonic what is commonly known as Scottish Rite masonry, cannot, therefore, enter into a discussion relative to the regularity or irregularity of the said Cerneau rite, or take any part in the determining of the questions in controversy between what is known as the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and that known as the Cerneau rite; but, in justice to this grand lodge, and those of the members of its obedience who hold membership in and who are in allegiance to any body claiming to be masonic which has entered into and continues in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France, such members are thereby in violation of their obligation to this grand lodge, and are thus making themselves liable to masonic discipline.

A call for a meeting to organize a veterans' masonic association, to be held next year, was read and spread upon the minutes. It is to include all permanent members of the grand lodge who have been masons twenty-one years, and past and present elective grand officers. Past masters are permanent members in New Jersey.

Over fifty pages are occupied with the papers and correspondence in relation to the alleged invasion of Mystic Tie Lodge, of New Jersey, by Ft. Edward Lodge, of New York, in the initiation, passing, and raising of D. E. Lemm. The facts in brief are that he was a railroad employé, unmarried, and had lived at Weehawken, N. J., for more than a year and expected to remain there as long as his employment proved satisfactory; that together with a married brother working for the same corporation he applied to the lodge at Ft. Edward, N. Y., their former home, for the degrees; that the application gave their residence

as Weehawken, N. J.; that Ft. Edward Lodge made an official request of Mystic Tie Lodge to waive jurisdiction, which was refused by the latter; that Ft. Edwards Lodge elected them both, and a second time asked a waiver of jurisdiction, which was again refused; that in both communications from Ft. Edward Lodge their residence is stated at Weehawken, N. J.; that Ft. Edward Lodge dropped the matter so far as the married man was concerned, but proceeded to make a mason of the unmarried one; that the grand master of New Jersey protested to the grand master of New York against the invasion of territory; that Ft. Edward Lodge then changed front and claimed that Lemm had never lost his residence in their town, and was therefore their masonic property, in which they were backed up by subsequent statements of Lemm himself; that the grand master of New York sustained the action of his subordinate lodge; that, after a voluminous correspondence to little or no purpose, the grand master of New Jersey issued an edict declaring the proceedings taken by Ft. Edward Lodge to be irregular and unlawful, and hence null and void, and prohibiting masonic intercourse with said Lemm as a profane; that the matter was then taken into the respective grand lodges, both grand masters being sustained by their jurisprudence committees and grand lodges; that New York finally proposed arbitration, with the proviso that the New Jersey edict be first withdrawn; that the latter grand master declined to accede to the request as improper and uncalled for; that another annual communication of each grand lodge has since been held without an adjustment of the difficulty, New York still insisting upon withdrawal of the edict, and New Jersey refusing; that the latter grand master issued another edict prohibiting his lodge from waiving jurisdiction in favor of any New York lodge; and lastly the Grand Lodge of New York has enjoined Lemm from visiting any New Jersey lodge without further permission.

The affair is a most unfortunate one, yet it is to be hoped that it may be adjusted in a satisfactory manner before the breach becomes still more serious. The question is entirely one of jurisdiction, but the grand master of New York ignores the material point that both applications and the correspondence of Ft. Edward Lodge with Mystic Tie Lodge gives their residence as being

in New Jersey. This, together with personal statements made by the brothers to the committee of investigation from Mystic Tie Lodge, would seem to warrant the grand master of New Jersey in his action. That of the grand master of New York seems based entirely upon the later light which dawned upon his lodge at Ft. Edward.

Your committee, after patiently examining the vast amount of literature emanating from both sides during a period of more than three years, has arrived at the conclusion that had not the initiation fee at Ft. Edward, N. Y., been ten dollars less than at Union, N. J., the controversy might never have arisen. So much for cheapness in masonry.

The married brother has since received the degrees in Mystic Tie Lodge; the other has been promoted, removing to another point on the line of the West Shore Railroad, still in New Jersey.

Bro. Henry Vehslage again presented the report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota for 1889 being liberally quoted from.

M.: W.: C. H. Mann, Haddonfield, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. H. Hough, Trenton, Grand Secretary, were reelected. Bro. Henry Vehslage, Irvington, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW MEXICO, 1890.

The twelfth annual communication was held at Las Cruces, Jan. 27th, 28th and 29th, M.: W.: A. H. Morehead, Grand Master. Thirteen lodges represented; fifteen upon the roll.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges.

The death of Bro. W. W. Griffin, first grand master, was announced, a portrait and biography appearing in the proceedings.

The following extract is taken from the address:

The Cerneau rite, as I understand it, has arisen out of and is a part of (if not in whole) the Grand Orient of France (which is not recognized by any of the grand jurisdictions of the world) not alone for their having discarded from their ritual the God whom we as masons reverence and serve, but also the holy writings upon which every mason is obligated. To my mind it is damaging to the welfare of masonry to accept of any new-fangled dogmas or to attempt to foist upon the craft any faction which is not in strict accord with the teachings of masonry, which have been so long in vogue, and which have worked so much good to mankind.

The committee on grand master's address reported that his "remarks upon the illegal and spurious Cerneau rite, which claims to be a part of Scottish Rite Masonry, are timely and proper," and recommended the adoption of an appropriate resolution upon the subject. After much discussion it was referred to the committee on foreign correspondence for full report at the next annual communication.

Bro. Max. Frost presented the report on foreign correspondence, Minnesota briefly noticed.

Under the head of Maryland he says:

We wish for no better demonstration of the fact that grand masters have prerogative powers than this. Here was a case of a lodge who had unwittingly violated a regulation of the grand lodge by conferring a portion of the degrees upon an applicant who, in all probability, was entirely ignorant that he lacked the qualifications required by the grand lodge. This irregularity needed healing. What course could have been more properly pursued than that the grand master should exercise the *inherent powers* of his office and heal the irregularity? We have some curiosity to know how the grand masters and grand lodges who deny inherent powers would have acted in such a case. We have argued the case from the law as enunciated by the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, not that we indorse its correctness. There is no important member of the human body that can be as readily dispensed with, or that is as little missed, as an eye. We speak from experience.

M. : W. : F. H. Kent, Albuquerque, Grand Master; R. : W. : A. A. Keen, East Las Vegas, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Max. Frost, Santa Fé, committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1889-90.

The pamphlet before us embraces the proceedings had at the quarterly and several special communications, which are chiefly of local interest.

Tablets in memory of Bro. J. S. Farrell, first grand master of a former organization, and Bro. John Williams, district grand master, were placed in the hall and unveiled at the December quarterly.

At the annual communication, held at Sydney, June 12th, M. : W. : Lord Carrington was reëlected Grand Master, and presumably R. : W. : A. H. Bray is still Grand Secretary, although his name does not appear.

NEW YORK, 1890.

The one hundred and ninth annual communication was held at New York, June 3d, 4th and 5th, M.: W.: J. W. Vrooman, Grand Master. Seven hundred and four lodges represented; seven hundred and twenty upon the roll. Six past grand masters present, including our representative.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge.

The deaths of Bros. J. L. Lewis, Isaac Phillips, J. J. Crane, and E. L. Judson, past grand masters, were announced. The first named was particularly prominent from his connection with the general grand bodies, the second from being at the head of the Phillips grand lodge, 1849-55.

The following is taken from the address:

I further recommend, in the absence of work in a lodge, the reading, from time to time, of portions of the annual proceedings of the grand lodge, and also of the proceedings of sister grand lodges, which are largely embodied in the report of our committee on correspondence, and which contain many gems of masonic literature.

He stated that no settlement of the difficulty with New Jersey had been reached, and after a brief resume of the case from their standpoint, that at the time D. E. Lemm was initiated his masonic residence was at Ft. Edward, N. Y., recommended that he be formally disqualified from visitation in the neighboring jurisdiction for the time being. The committee on jurisprudence thereupon reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is fraternally requested to submit the questions in dispute between that and this grand body, as to the initiation of D. E. Lemm, by Ft. Edward Lodge, to an arbitrator to be selected by the two grand masters, and provided that in the meantime, and pending such submission, the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of New Jersey suspend its interdict adjudging and declaring such initiation to have been irregular, unlawful, without masonic virtue, hence null, void, and of no effect.

Resolved, That said D. E. Lemm, of Ft. Edward Lodge No. 267, be and is hereby enjoined and forbidden from visiting, or attempting to visit, any lodge of Free and Accepted Masons within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, until he shall receive permission to do so from the grand master of that grand body, and also of this grand lodge.

This was nearly seven months ago, and no knowledge of later developments can be obtained until the New Jersey proceedings of next month are received. It is to be hoped that the dispute has been amicably adjusted ere this, as perchance it may have been, although we are unable to see how the foregoing legislation mended matters in the least particular. The grand master of New Jersey certainly needed no outside assistance to prevent Lemm from visitation in his jurisdiction, which had been most effectually barred by his predecessor, and might reasonably have regarded the action as an intrusion upon his prerogatives even if kindly intended. His views are awaited with considerable interest.

Had we possessed the ear of the grand master of New York while preparing his address we would have suggested that he frankly admit that possibly there had been a mistake; that possibly the late grand master of New Jersey was warranted by documentary evidence in issuing his edict; that possibly the late grand master of New York had been misled by the subsequent discovery of Lemm and Ft. Edward Lodge, or some one for them, that he had never lost his residence at Ft. Edward, although in all probability he would never return there again to live; and recommending that the grand master of New Jersey be requested to heal the aforesaid Lemm in the lodge jurisdiction where he is now employed or staying or living, the precise term being of small consequence. This would have been magnanimous; the Grand Lodge of New York can well afford to be both just and magnanimous.

"A penny saved is a penny earned." This is an old saying, and a very true one. Yet that was the dearest ten dollars that D. E. Lemm, late of Ft. Edward, N. Y., ever laid by or is likely to in the course of his natural life.

An official communication from the Grand Orient of France, requesting an interchange of documents, was presented to the grand master, which he respectfully declined to receive.

The grand master is of the opinion that he should make the fewest decisions possible for public record, and therefore reported none at all.

A table compiled by the grand secretary shows that seven hundred and three ordained ministers are members of New York lodges, of which two hundred and eighty-eight are Methodists, one hundred and forty-six Episcopalians, one hundred and twelve Baptists, fifty-nine Presbyterians, and the others divided among eight other denominations.

The second volume of the grand lodge history was announced about ready to be issued, to be followed by two more.

The asylum at Utica will soon be a fixed fact, one hundred and sixty acres of land having been bought for \$50,000, and the trustees have \$185,000 in bank to begin operations. It was voted to expend \$175,000 for a building accommodating one hundred inmates, exclusive of officers and employees.

The corner stone of the Washington Memorial Arch, in Washington Square, New York, was laid by the grand master, May 30th, at which time he delivered an interesting historical address, from which we quote:

Permit me, in passing, to make brief allusion to another matter of historic interest. The Holy Bible borne to-day in the grand lodge procession, and now before you, is the property of St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. Y. M., of the city of New York, and has been zealously guarded by that noble band of brethren for more than one hundred years. Upon this sacred volume George Washington took the oath of office as first president of this nation.

It is a part of our unwritten history that as the moment approached for the oath to be administered no Bible was at hand, nor could one be secured in the building. Chancellor R. R. Livingston, as grand master, knew that every masonic lodge room contained a copy of the Holy Scriptures. He remembered that the chief of staff, Jacob Morton, was worshipful master of St. John's Lodge No. 1, and that the lodge room was near by. A word to Morton; a hastening to the lodge room; a return with the Holy Bible; and without seeming delay the oath was taken. Thank God that the Great Light in Masonry must always have honorable place in every lodge room.

The following amendment to the constitution was adopted:

Every lodge shall adopt and practice the standard of work and lectures imparted by the grand lecturer or assistant grand lecturers, and no other; and any lodge violating this provision shall be subject to punishment.

The grand officers were reelected by acclamation according to precedent.

The committee on deceased brethren announced the death of Bro. Adolphus Andreas, past master prior to 1849, who had been a mason seventy years, and was undoubtedly the oldest affiliated mason in the state at the time of his death.

The committee on grievances reported no business before them, in a jurisdiction containing over seventy thousand masons. So they set to examining the files for forty years back without finding a like state of things.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. J. B. Anthony; Minnesota for two years receiving fraternal attention, that portion of the last address in relation to Bro. Pierson and suggestions with reference to laying of corner stones being given entire. We quote:

The address, as a whole, is an admirable one, and the subjects presented of importance to the craft.

As chairman of the committee on correspondence of the grand lodge (appointed in 1868) he displayed marked ability; his reports were of a high order, sound on questions of masonic law, and his reminiscences of an active life in the past were interesting and valuable. He was the author of *Traditions of the Craft*, and a contributor largely to the masonic literature of the past and present. An active, zealous, honored mason has gone to his reward.

The report on correspondence, reviewing the proceedings of fifty-one grand bodies, is furnished by W. Irving Todd. Our brother presents a good report, in which New York for 1889 is kindly noticed.

Our brother does not agree with our comment of last year — under District of Columbia — on masonic funerals, considering that —

"The rear of a masonic procession being universally considered the post of honor, that the other organizations should complete their ceremonies *first*, and then bury our brother according to the ritual."

We admit that in the formation of a funeral procession the post of honor is in the rear, but even then, upon arriving at the place of interment, that which is *last* becomes *first*, and we still hold to our opinion that the masonic services should *precede* those of any other organizations.

As we are of the same opinion still, we shall have to agree to disagree.

Under the head of Illinois is found the following comment upon the grand master's reference to the correspondence report of last year:

If we may be permitted, we would say, we do not consider the report on correspondence in any way commits a grand lodge. While largely the expression of individual opinion, yet it should as nearly as possible re-

flect the position of the grand lodge on all questions of importance. Such has always been our understanding, and we have endeavored to govern ourselves accordingly. Further, we do not consider it to be a medium for the presentation of partisan views on any subject.

New York is the only jurisdiction which systematically reviews the foreign grand bodies, a feature which renders it of especial value.

M. : W. : J. W. Vrooman, Herkimer, Grand Master, and R. : W. : E. M. L. Ehlers, New York, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. J. B. Anthony is still at the head of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1890.

The one hundred and third annual communication was held at Raleigh, Jan. 14th, 15th, and 16th, M. : W. : S. H. Smith, Grand Master. One hundred and thirty-three lodges represented; two hundred and forty-one upon the roll. Three past grand masters and our representative present.

Fourteen dispensations for new lodges; four charters restored and one surrendered.

Seven special communications were reported for the purpose of laying corner stones.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. E. S. Martin, Minnesota for 1889 being disposed of in less than half a page.

M. : W. : S. H. Smith, Winston, Grand Master, and R. : W. : D. W. Bain, Raleigh, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. E. S. Martin, Wilmington, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1890.

The first annual communication was held at Grand Forks, June 17th and 18th, M. : W. : J. W. Cloes, Grand Master. Twenty-seven lodges represented; thirty upon the roll. Our representative present.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges.

This new grand lodge starts in with a fine library, Bro. William Blatt, of South Dakota, having contributed his private

collection, and T. S. Parvin, of Iowa, forwarding a complete set of proceedings from all the grand bodies, nearly nine hundred volumes, for the price of the binding, less than \$1,000.

M. : W. : F. J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Master; R. : W. : T. J. Wilder, Casselton, reëlected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1890.

Emergent communications were held at Kentville, Feb. 10th, and Windsor, Feb. 12th, for the dedication of lodge halls.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Halifax, June 11th, 12th, and 13th, M. : W. : D. C. Moore, Grand Master. Forty-seven lodges represented; fifty-one upon the roll. Our representative absent.

The first order of business was attendance upon church and listening to a sermon.

The retiring grand master was placed at the head of the grand chaplains, in consideration of his twenty-one years' service in connection with the grand lodge.

A long list of ancient documents appertaining to the masonic history of the province are scheduled in the appendix.

The report on foreign correspondence was the joint affair of Bros. David Neish and T. B. Flint; Minnesota liberally dealt with in the way of extracts from the annual address.

Of Bro. Pierson the latter truly says:

He was an author of considerable eminence, and as chairman of the foreign correspondence committee of Minnesota he had achieved an enviable reputation for great ability, sound judgment, and catholic spirit.

The following paragraphs are of personal interest:

In the appointment of Grand Master Kiester as the representative of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Minnesota we rejoice to know that we have a powerful and amiable friend at headquarters.

The report on foreign correspondence, submitted by Bro. Irving Todd, is of great interest. Bro. Todd's Digest of the constitution is esteemed an invaluable manual among our brethren in Minnesota.

The following is taken from under the head of Delaware:

We in Nova Scotia have a better way of doing things. To be eligible for the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite one must be a master mason in good standing. There is therefore no collision be-

tween the grand lodge and that rite; nor does the rite presume to patronize the grand lodge by addressing to its officers any official communications. And members of the royal arch chapters and of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite are, with scarcely an exception, the most useful and enthusiastic blue masons.

M. . W. . C. J. Macdonald, Grand Master; R. . W. . William Ross reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. David Neish, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Halifax.

OHIO, 1890.

A special communication was held at Sandusky, June 24th, to lay the corner stone of the new masonic temple.

The eighty-first annual communication was held at Sandusky, Oct. 15th and 16th, M. . W. . Leander Burdick, Grand Master. Four hundred and twenty-three lodges represented; four hundred and eighty-eight on the roll. Five past grand masters present, also our representative.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered.

A number of deaths were announced, among them being Bro. James Nesbitt, for many years grand recorder of the grand commandery, and Bro. M. H. Watt, grand secretary of the grand chapter.

The grand master states that "the unpleasant relations with Tennessee remain unreconciled," but he is convinced that it is not their duty to make concessions until the obnoxious language is recalled. He further says that Bro. James McCallum, since deceased, had some years ago resigned his office as grand representative, owing to old age and infirmities, so there was nothing really to recall.

Eighty-five dispensations were issued to elect or install officers out of time, and a great many were refused as explained in the following extract:

Numerous requests have been made for permission to receive applications for degrees without the necessary year's residence; to ballot for and confer degrees without waiting the prescribed time; or to perform some act not provided for by the constitution, by-laws, or code of this grand lodge. Dispensations for all such purposes have been courteously but firmly refused. While I am a firm believer in the "prerogatives of

grand masters," I am of the opinion that the principal prerogative possessed by a grand master is to correctly determine and comply with the laws, rules, and regulations governing within the grand jurisdiction over which he may have the honor to preside.

The grand secretary reported that the testimonial to Bro. J. D. Caldwell, as emeritus grand secretary, consisted of an office desk and chair, a handsome badge, properly inscribed, a masonic ring, and gold pen, the articles having been selected by himself, at an expense of \$100. A cut of the badge appears in the appendix.

We are surprised to learn from the grand secretary's report that the bound lodge returns "are the only permanent records which the grand lodge has of the masonic membership throughout the state." Practically this is no record at all. It is just as important to have a grand lodge register as it is a ledger or cash book, and business cannot be economically transacted without some system of registration by which the masonic history of every mason in the jurisdiction can be shown at a glance, similar to an abstract of title.

There are seven cases still pending in court upon the Cerneau question, two having been disposed of in the common pleas court of Franklin County upon demurrers to jurisdiction, in which it was held:

1. A member of a masonic lodge, even though such lodge is incorporated under the laws of the state, has no property interest either in his membership in the lodge or in the property which the lodge acquires.

2. That, while a lodge is a charitable, benevolent, beneficial, and social organization, and is bound to aid and assist its members when they are sick, or in want or in distress, as well as to aid their widows and orphans, this aid and assistance is an incident to membership, upon which it depends, and that the right of the member of the lodge to such assistance is lost by the termination of his membership, and that a member may forfeit his right to such membership by his misconduct.

3. That the power to determine who is, and who shall rightfully remain, a member of a masonic lodge rests in the lodge itself, being voluntarily conferred upon him by its members, each of whom, on becoming a member, is presumed to have known the nature and character of the lodge, and that it had disciplinary power over all its members. By voluntarily becoming a member of the lodge he acquires, not a severable right to any of its property, but the rights only of a member of the society so long as he continues to be a member. By the implied conditions upon which he became a member his membership may be terminated by the act of the society, when he ceases to be a mason.

4. Whether it is unmasonic conduct for a member of the lodge to become a member of the Cerneau bodies of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite is a question that is purely masonic, and one into the merits of which this court will not enter.

Considerable progress was reported in the movement to establish a masonic home.

The following legislation was enacted at the request of the grand chapter:

Resolved, That the secretary of each subordinate lodge be and he is hereby required to send an official notice, under the seal of the lodge, of the dimission, suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any of the members of his lodge to the secretary of the chapter or chapters of royal arch masons within whose jurisdiction it may be situated.

The salary of the grand secretary was increased to \$1,500, a substantial compliment to a deserving officer.

A committee on history was provided for, to make annual reports to the grand lodge.

A jewel was voted to the retiring grand master, and a portrait inserted as a frontispiece.

An interesting report of the centennial celebration of American Union Lodge No. 1, at Marietta, June 28th, was presented by Bro. J. D. Caldwell.

A portrait of Bro. Octavius Waters, past senior grand warden, prefaces the report of the committee on deceased brethren. Two pages are devoted to Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, together with a memorial page. We quote:

He was possessed of a genial, vivacious, generous, kind, courageous nature, in which masonry found a fruitful soil, and, dying, has vacated a place which no one so well will fill.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. W. M. Cunningham; Minnesota handsomely noticed, several pages being taken from the annual address with approving comments.

Of the writer he says:

W. Bro. Irving Todd, as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, submitted a very interesting summary of the transactions of fifty-one grand bodies, Ohio for 1889 among the number. The late Bro. Pierson having so long discharged the duties of this committee the work of W. Bro. Todd would naturally be somewhat onerous, and yet he has

acquitted himself so well under the trying ordeal of discharging duties so ably performed by his lamented predecessor in the past as to entitle him to the congratulations of the reportorial brotherhood, and upon the part of the committee of Ohio we extend him a hearty welcome and fraternal congratulations upon his successful effort.

Under the head of Connecticut he says:

Like Banquo's ghost, clandestinism "will not down," but must periodically come to the surface, to deceive and mislead the unwary. In this connection Ohio has had a surfeit of illegitimate degree-mongers and other disturbances. From 1860 (and prior thereto) to 1866 the New York emissaries of Cernaism and Rite of Memphis endeavored to obtain a foothold within this jurisdiction, but both failed ignominiously. From 1874 to 1876 colored freemasonry, and the demand for the recognition of colored masonic bodies, was a disturbing element in nearly every subordinate lodge in Ohio, as subsequently in the grand lodge, where it received its quietus in 1876. In 1879 the disseminators of the Rite of Memphis were again driven out of Ohio only, however, to reappear a few years later under the name of Royal Masonic Rite, and from 1884 to 1889 with its twin fraud, modern Cerneauism, have been disturbance-breeders within this grand jurisdiction. However, the harmonious sessions of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as its grand communication in 1889 in which all legislation, whether in relation to Cerneauism or other matters, was of that unanimous character that now indicates its entire freedom from the conspiracies of illegitimate and clandestine masonry.

The proceedings of the masonic veteran association conclude the pamphlet, with portrait of Bro. J. D. Caldwell.

M.·. W.·. L. C. Goodale, Grand Master; R.·. W.·. J. H. Bromwell, reelected Grand Secretary; both of Cincinnati; Bro. W. M. Cunningham, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OREGON, 1890.

The fortieth annual communication was held at Portland, June 11th, 12th, and 13th, M.·. W.·. Christopher Taylor, Grand Master. Seventy-five lodges represented; eighty-one upon the roll. Eight past grand masters present.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges.

The death of Bro. W. W. Fowler, past grand master, was announced.

The following were among the approved decisions:

3. That a non-contributing non-affiliate is not entitled to a masonic burial.

8. The master of Ashland Lodge No. 25 refused a Cerneau (so-called) mason the privilege of visiting his lodge. He asks if he did right. My answer was that he did perfectly right.

10. That no master elect can be installed while charges are pending against him.

The following decision was overruled:

14. That a saloon keeper, bar keeper, or clerk cannot be a contributing member of any lodge, nor can he visit lodges. They are open to suspension, or indefinite suspension, etc.

The committee on masonic law and jurisprudence held that this was not sound for the reason:

That it is a well settled principle of masonic jurisprudence that every master mason, member of a subordinate lodge, is to be held as in good standing and entitled to all the rights and privileges of such until convicted of some masonic offense in the way and manner prescribed by the rules and regulations of the craft.

A number of dispensations were granted to confer degrees and install officers out of time, and several refused to ballot upon petitions without masonic residence.

A proposed amendment to the constitution depriving past grand officers from permanent membership was defeated almost unanimously.

Among the legislation was the adoption of the following amendment to the constitution:

SEC. 2. The most worshipful grand master, grand treasurer, and grand secretary shall constitute a committee whose duty it shall be, immediately upon the close of each annual communication, to make an estimate of the expenses of the grand lodge for the current year, and to levy a per capita tax upon each master mason in the jurisdiction, and report the same to the subordinate lodges, who shall immediately transmit the amount apportioned to each to the grand secretary, who shall receipt for the same.

The committee on masonic temple reported the purchase of a suitable site for \$25,000, but had to borrow the money to pay for it at seven per cent interest. The report was adopted, but the grand lodge voted not to commence building until after the property was free from incumbrance.

The following report was adopted:

We, your committee on grievance, to whom was referred the claims of La Grande Lodge No. 41 against Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 35, at Hastings, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, beg leave

to report that we consider the claim a just one, and would recommend that the grand secretary be instructed to present the matter to the grand master of the state of Minnesota, and urge him to require, if possible, the payment.

The claim is for care of a sick brother. Your committee, although in possession of the material facts in the case, do not propose to enter upon a discussion of the matter in advance of action by our own grand lodge.

Bro. F. A. Moore delivered a very readable oration, which is printed in the proceedings.

Appropriate reference was made to the death of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, with a memorial page.

Biographical sketches of Bros. J. C. Ainsworth, Benjamin Stark, and Christopher Taylor, past grand masters, are appended, with phototypes. The latter was the first mason made in Oregon or on the Pacific coast.

The report on foreign correspondence was the handiwork of the grand secretary; Minnesota duly noticed, and liberal extracts made from the annual address. Bros. Denny and Gove are pronounced "fine looking gentlemen."

The following personal experience, under the head of Alabama, is worthy of reproduction:

When a young man, our reading was of the "reform" school. We read Thomas Paine, Voltaire, and all the infidel works we could find of English, French, and German authors; and when we wanted a little spice for the repast, we would turn to Talleyrand, etc. This went on for a few years very well. We could point out discrepancies in the Bible, and show up the pious old orthodox brother, as we thought, in good shape. Conceited—why, who could have been more so? One day, and we cannot forget it, we took up the task to give our views and confound and dumbfound a good old orthodox brother of the Methodist Church. We were not of age, but we began our work and imagined, as a good infidel would, that we knew a little more than he who laid the foundation of the earth. For an hour we poured volley after volley into the broadside of our aged friend. Bye-and-bye his eyes flashed, he looked at us with eyes as fierce as those of a tiger, he called us by our given name, then the onslaught came. We began to dance, and kept a dancing, until we fell into a chair, covered all over with the power of that man's logical statement. It was an hour before we could get up. We felt ashamed—also as if we had a Lake Superior lead mine in our clothes that held us down. He left us; we remained awhile, then went away. Our

views, as then expressed, have not troubled us since. We grew older and wiser in these matters, until we could see our early folly and the great civilizing power in the teachings of the Bible.

Ever since that castigation we have learned that the human mind must, in order to be useful on earth, believe the precepts and good moral teachings that are found in that book—the Bible. Time will convince our brethren of this fact.

M. : W. : J. F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Master; M. : W. : S. F. Chadwick, Portland, reëlected Grand Secretary, and is chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1889.

A grand lodge of emergency was held Jan. 4th to accept the handsome decorations of Egyptian Hall in the temple, the gift of Bro. W. J. Kelly.

At the March quarterly a petition was presented by five brethren, former members of a Cerneau body, asking an investigation of the alleged claim of that rite to authority over the first three degrees of ancient masonry, which the grand master ruled out of order, the matter having already been passed upon and decided by his predecessor, himself, and by the unanimous vote of the grand lodge.

At the June quarterly the committee on appeals reported in the case of a brother that had recommended two applicants for the degrees who were actual residents of New Jersey directing his suspension for six months; he was a past master and should have known better. One of the candidates, a fellow craft, was expelled by the grand lodge, the other having been previously expelled by the lodge which initiated him. The report says:

The entire proceedings appear to be a flagrant violation of masonic usages and a transgression upon the rights of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New Jersey. Our grand lodge has always maintained the sovereign right over every portion of its jurisdiction; it will not permit any transgression upon its territory, and has always been quick to resent such encroachments; it has been but a few years since the fraternal intercourse with a sister grand lodge was on the verge of a serious disturbance for a similar trespass upon its authority. It has repeatedly decided that a resident of one state cannot enter another for the purpose of receiving the degrees in masonry without first having permission of the grand lodge holding proper jurisdiction over his residence; it carefully guards its own borders, and cannot permit an injury or in-

justice to a neighboring jurisdiction by its own or any act of its subordinate lodges; it must at all times prevent innovations of the landmarks, customs, and usages of the craft, and in view of the facts presented in these cases it must maintain and support these principles by such punishment upon those who have been guilty of their violation as will prevent recurrences of like character.

Bro. Drummond propounds the question, "What is the *status* of this expelled fellow craft?" In Minnesota we would answer that he had been justly disciplined for false statements in his application. His standing as a man and a mason should be no better in New Jersey than it now is in Pennsylvania unless there are extenuating circumstances not brought out in the rehearing. It is probably material which would have been rejected at home, hence the application elsewhere.

Special communications were held at Pittsburgh June 24th and at Clarion June 26th for the dedication of lodge halls.

The trustees of the charity fund reported securities to the amount of \$72,000; of the Girard bequest, \$61,200; of the sinking fund, \$444,420. It is proposed to utilize the latter in payment of the temple debt, and convert the estimated balance of \$825,000 in a four per cent loan.

The death of Bro. John Thompson, past grand master, at the advanced age of ninety years, was appropriately announced. He was the only man in that jurisdiction who ever filled all of the elective offices in the grand lodge.

The Ahiman Rezon was amended so that article three, section one, will read as follows:

The grand lodge is composed of the grand and past grand officers, the masters and past masters by one year's service, and wardens of all lodges lawfully warranted and duly constituted by it, and under its jurisdiction, and the elected representatives of such lodges.

R. : W. : C. P. MacCalla, Grand Master, and R. : W. : Michael Nisbet, Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Philadelphia.

The annual communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, R. : W. : C. P. MacCalla, Grand Master. Sixty-two lodges represented; three hundred and ninety-one on the roll. Three past grand masters present, including our representative.

R. W. T. R. Patton, grand treasurer for many years, donated \$25,000 to the charity fund, which is to be securely invested and only \$500 drawn annually until the principal and interest amount to \$50,000, and then \$1,500 until it reaches \$100,000, the income to be applied to the relief of master masons' widows. The noble bequest was made as a memorial to his lately deceased wife, and was accepted by the grand lodge "in the spirit which inspired the donation."

The address is somewhat lengthy, but withal interesting. Of the so-called Cerneau rite the grand master says:

At the beginning of the present year I was confronted with a question upon the right solution of which depended important interests of our ancient craft. A number of subordinate bodies of the so-called Cerneau rite, claiming to be masonic, had been organized in several portions of the jurisdiction, and the authority propagating them was busily seeking to diffuse them throughout this commonwealth. Notwithstanding my predecessor, Grand Master Eichbaum, in the latter part of his second term, had officially declared them to be clandestine, several brethren connected with said rite endeavored to demonstrate to me that this action was mistaken and unjust. This led me to examine the question for myself, in the light of principle. At that time the flood of light since shed on the subject was wanting. After a thoughtful consideration of the subject, and a careful review of the history of the so-called Cerneau rite in the past, I came to the independent and impartial conclusion that the said rite was radically vicious and masonically clandestine, that it had, at various times in the past, unlawfully assumed to warrant lodges which should, and did, confer what they styled the three degrees of ancient freemasonry; and that, in addition, the rite was in correspondence with the Grand Orient of France, with which, and its dependent bodies, this grand lodge had severed all masonic intercourse. Having ascertained these facts from authentic masonic records, on the 21st day of January I issued an edict, in which I stated that I had reason to believe that certain master masons in our jurisdiction had connected themselves with bodies of the so-called Cerneau rite, in forgetfulness of their masonic obligations, and required only to be distinctly and authoritatively informed of the clandestine character of these bodies, and fraternally admonished to sever their connection with them; whereupon I notified all such brethren to sever their connection therewith within ninety days from the 26th day of January, 1889, adding thereto that after the said mentioned date, if they were found to be and remain members of any of the said clandestine bodies, they would be forthwith liable to masonic trial and punishment, in conformity with masonic law.

Subsequently, on the 11th day of May, I issued a second edict, directing the worshipful master of each of the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction to transmit to the right worshipful grand secretary, under the seal of the lodge, the names of the members of the lodge (if any there should be) who had not conformed to the requirements of the previous edict, and also the names of those who *had* conformed. Returns have already been received from the worshipful masters, and the action of the brethren who had been misled in connecting themselves with the so-called Cerneau rite has been in the highest degree creditable to their masonic manhood and their loyalty to this right worshipful grand lodge. With only four or five exceptions, they have all abandoned their allegiance to the said rite; and as to the few who still adhere, proper masonic action is being taken. I may add that nearly all the grand lodges in the United States, within whose jurisdiction the so-called Cerneau rite had organized bodies, have taken analogous action, with similar result. Thus has this cloud on the masonic horizon been dispelled.

A great many official visitations were reported, at which addresses were made, besides seventeen dispensations and thirty-five edicts. Verily the office in the Keystone State is no sinecure.

The following decisions were reported:

It is not permissible for a brother to be a member of two lodges at the same time, either in this jurisdiction or in this and another jurisdiction. Dual membership was prohibited as long ago as the year 1804.

It is improper to send out notices for a lodge meeting on postal cards.

Neither a second nor a third petition for initiation and membership can be withdrawn on the favorable report of the committee of inquiry, but the applicant must be balloted for. If the ballot be unanimous in favor of the applicant, the petition may then be withdrawn by a majority vote of the lodge.

There cannot be a second ballot on either a second or third petition. The second ballot is confined to the first petition.

It is not proper for the officers of a lodge to wear their jewels or masonic clothing at the funeral of a deceased brother. Masonic dress is all that is permissible, unless a dispensation be granted by the grand master to wear masonic clothing, and it is not customary to grant such a dispensation.

A masonic hall can only be occupied by masonic bodies. The Egyptian Rite of Memphis is not a masonic body.

When a brother who was a past master by service in another jurisdiction affiliates with one of our lodges, he is entitled to recognition as a past master in the lodge of which he has become a member; but he does not become thereby a member of grand lodge.

It is not permissible, in accordance with the usages and customs of the fraternity in this jurisdiction, at the dedication of a masonic hall, or constitution of a lodge, to have a ball, or to have a reception or banquet at which the profane may be present.

No part of the work of freemasonry is permitted to be written or printed or otherwise indicated, and no masonic officer or brother can use any book or writing which contains, or purports to contain, the work of freemasonry in Pennsylvania without subjecting himself to a formal charge of unmasonic conduct.

There is but one authorized form of masonic work in this jurisdiction, that which is approved and promulgated by the right worshipful grand master. We have no new work. It is all old work. There is nothing new in freemasonry.

No member of a lodge has the right to demand that another member shall either cast a black ball or interpose an objection for him. If he wishes either of these done, he must do it himself in open lodge.

It is improper to give notice of a masonic funeral by posters in a public place or places.

The worshipful master of a lodge is responsible for the recording of the minutes in accordance with the prescribed form of minutes set forth by the grand lodge. It is his duty to see that the secretary has a copy of this form and strictly follows it.

Freemasonry in Pennsylvania is not only somewhat peculiar, but the brethren also have a profound opinion of themselves; witness the following:

In conclusion, a word upon our fidelity to the landmarks. The universal craft is ancient, and so is the particular craft which is circumscribed within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. It is the most venerable informal organization on the American continent; it possesses the oldest unchallenged masonic lodge records which testify to craft life and work; and it is in the possession of, and constantly diffusing to its constituent lodges, the oldest and the purest secret work known to the fraternity of freemasons around the globe. Our usages, customs, and landmarks are likewise of pristine purity. Together, these form a composite, harmonious, perfect whole. Our freemasonry is not after the fashion of these times; it is no result of a compromise with profane views; but it is truly ancient and as truly honorable. Nowhere can the triology of the ancient craft degrees be found more consistently or deftly rendered than in the lodge of the fraternity in Pennsylvania. This is not friction, nor flattery, but fact. May it always be true. Here let the old work, the old landmarks, the old usages and customs ever find a home, ever receive homage, ever be the rule and guide of masonic faith and practice.

The sentiment is beautiful, but the alleged facts are not historically true. There are several grand lodges in this country whose usages, customs, and work are derived directly from an older source than that of Lawrence Dermott.

The report on correspondence is presented by Bro. Richard Vaux; Minnesota fraternally noticed.

Referring to the celebration of their fiftieth anniversary in Arkansas, he remarks:

Before closing the notice of these ceremonies we fain would like to know where, in the law of masonry, *ladies* are lawfully present at a masonic ceremony, even a banquet. At the first banquet mentioned in sacred history the "fruit course" disrupted the harmony, and discord was thus born into the world among men.

The learned brother prides himself upon being consistent. He is unalterably opposed to anything public of a masonic character. Would he have the celestial lodge above closely tyled, with admission only by diploma?

Under the head of Iowa is found the following grateful acknowledgment:

We have quoted this action of grand lodge to take the first opportunity to express the feelings of the craft in Pennsylvania on the outgushing of masonic charity throughout the grand lodges of the United States for the sufferings and calamities of the craft and people in Johnstown. The prompt, noble, heart-offerings of the fraternity are the most unequivocal evidence of that inbiding, vital generosity which the tenets of our fraternity implant by its principles and lessons. Such an overwhelming wave of masonic sympathy drove out the waters of the flood which desolated our brethren of Johnstown, brought joy and hope and faith to stricken hearts, death-invaded homes, and relit the lights in our masonic lodges. Thus those who remained were enabled again to read the Great Light which promises that Sorrow may afflict in the night, but Joy cometh in the morning.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1890.

The fifteenth annual communication was held at Charlottetown, June 24th, M. : W. : Neil MacKelvie, Grand Master. The twelve lodges all represented. Two past grand masters present.

The grand master announced that he had not been called on for any decisions of consequence during his term of office.

M. : W. : J. W. Morrison, Grand Master; R. : W. : B. W. Higgs reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Charlottetown.

QUEBEC, 1890.

The twentieth annual communication was held at Quebec, Jan. 29th and 30th, M. : W. : J. H. Stearns, Grand Master. Forty-six lodges represented; fifty-nine upon the roll. Two past grand masters present, also our representative.

Two dispensations issued for new lodges.

The death of Bro. S. J. Foss, deputy grand master, was announced.

A number of dispensations were granted to appear in public in regalia, to confer degrees out of time, to act upon the petition of a person not possessing the qualification of residence and upon rejected applicants within a less period than required by the constitution, etc., the address stating:

While the grand master should be ever ready to exercise his prerogative for the benefit of the craft, due caution should be observed by him in not lightly overriding constitutional regulations.

The grand master reported that he had withdrawn the edicts against the Grand Lodge of England and its three lodges, as authorized at the last session, and that the M. : W. : R. L. Walkem, of Canada, had already devoted a great deal of time in the capacity of mediator.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. E. T. D. Chambers; Minnesota for 1889 briefly noticed.

M. : W. : J. H. Stearns, Grand Master, and R. : W. : J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, were reelected, both of Montreal; Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND, 1888-9.

A special communication was held Aug. 10th to lay the foundation stone of the East Providence Town Hall; leading features of which were an eulogy on masonry, an oration, and a collation.

The semi-annual communication was held in Providence, Nov. 19th, M. : W. : W. N. Ackley, Grand Master. Twenty-three lodges represented; thirty-five upon the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

A proposition to amend the constitution so as to render a past master in another jurisdiction eligible to the offices of grand master, deputy grand master, and wardens was defeated by a vote of thirty-two to sixty-eight.

Another proposed amendment to make the deputy grand master elective instead of appointive was indefinitely postponed. This office has always seemed somewhat of an anomaly in our present system, like a regimental major or any other fifth wheel. According to ancient usage the appointee was the personal representative of the grand master, ranking below the wardens, and having no more claims to preferment than inhere to appointive officers in general. The innovation is no improvement either theoretically or practically, but the stepping-stone has come to stay, and it is useless to discuss the matter. So long as Rhode Island considers the senior warden next in line at its annual elections it matters little how the nominal second place is filled.

A still further amendment making all the officers below grand master appointive shared a similar fate.

The death of Bro. Lloyd Morton, past grand master, was announced.

An emergent communication was held at Warren March 30th to attend the funeral of Bro. C. R. Cutler, past grand master.

The ninety-ninth annual communication was held at Providence, May 20th, M. : W. : W. N. Ackley, Grand Master. Twenty-nine lodges represented. Four past grand masters and our representative present.

Thirty-seven dispensations were reported to permit lodges to do all manner of things out of time. The prerogative seems to be in a healthy condition down in Little Rhody.

The recommendations of the grand master to change the constitutional limitation as regards the number of candidates to be introduced at one time, and the abridgement of the lectures and ceremonies appertaining to the degrees do not seem to have met with favor, and they ought not to. Work done in a hurry is never well done, much good material is spoiled or wasted, and the craft becomes careless and indifferent. Our experience is that one brother who has patiently traveled the well beaten track from the

west to the east, advancing step by step, is worth more to his fraters than a score who have galloped over the road by special express, and who know very little more at the end than a blind man driven through a tunnel in a moonless night. Go slow is a good motto, even in masonry.

Among the decisions is found the following:

3. That the loss of the left hand should not debar a candidate from receiving the degrees.

Rhode Island has no committee on masonic jurisprudence, more's the pity.

The committee on monitor and reprint of proceedings reported progress, and they were ordered to be printed.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M. : W. : G. H. Kenyon was elected Grand Master, and R. : W. : Edwin Baker reelected Grand Secretary; both of Providence.

A special communication was held at Providence June 3d to dedicate the monument of Bro. T. A. Doyle, past grand master, and mayor of the city at the time of his death. A cut of the same forms the frontispiece to the neatly printed volume.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1889.

Special communications were held at Anderson, Dec. 27th and June 27th, for laying corner stones of a hotel and a masonic temple, cuts of which appear in the proceedings.

The one hundred and thirteenth annual communication was held at Charleston, Dec. 10th and 11th, M. : W. : R. F. Divver, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-one lodges represented; one hundred and seventy-two on the roll.

Five dispensations to form new lodges; five to revive old ones.

The following extracts are taken from the annual address:

This has indeed been a busy but pleasant year to your grand master and I trust a profitable one to the craft. New and good material is now seeking admission into our lodges. Many of our dimitted brethren are returning back into their lodges. Old lodges, whose charters have been surrendered, are asking to be revived and anxious to again take their places in our ranks. Applications for dispensations to form new lodges have been granted. Our lodges are now demanding a higher standard

of morality from the applicant for admission into our order, and a more consistent walk from those who are already within our fold. Old debts that have been long hanging over our craft for many years are being reduced. Some enterprising lodges are tearing down their old halls and building new ones. A spirit of generous rivalry is being stirred up among the craft, and although some of our lodges have not kept in line and pressed forward in this grand onward march, yet I must congratulate you on the prosperous condition of the craft in our jurisdiction.

The Cerneau trouble, which has been disturbing our brethren in the north and west, has not found its way to our jurisdiction, and I trust will not do so. The grand secretary, in his report on foreign correspondence, will explain what Cerneauism is, and I need only say that, as ancient craft masons, we can give no countenance to any organization, outside of grand lodges and their subordinates, which claim jurisdiction and control over ancient craft masonry.

The grand master very properly refused a dispensation to permit a lodge to confer the degrees upon a candidate who is blind in both eyes, although the application was made at a regular communication, duly signed and sealed, and indorsed by the masters of three other lodges and several past masters. He says that it is one of the most remarkable applications ever made in the jurisdiction, and he might have added or in any other. The grand lodge sustained his position as a matter of course.

An edict was issued prohibiting the funeralizing of the dead, as it is called, that is, holding services at the grave of a brother some time after he has been buried. Lodges of sorrow were recommended instead.

Some improvement was noted in the financial condition of the grand lodge, which is still struggling under the incubus of a temple debt.

A jewel was presented to Bro. A. H. White, past grand master.

An invitation to attend the Jefferson Davis memorial meeting as a masonic body was not accepted, although the grand lodge was called off to permit its members to be present as citizens.

The grand master announced that a lodge of past masters would be convened at the close of the session for the benefit of brethren who had been unable to receive the degrees in their own lodges.

South Carolina also installs its grand officers while open in the first degree.

An amendment to the constitution was proposed fixing the permanent home of the grand lodge in the city of Charleston.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by the grand secretary; Minnesota briefly noticed.

Under the head of Tennessee he says:

The Cerneau body is a new institution, and, as we understand it, was started and organized by a pupil who seceded from Bro. Albert Pike's organization—originating in treachery, it has done just what might reasonably have been looked for, to-wit: has produced acrimonious and bitter feeling among brethren, and is destroying the peace and harmony of every jurisdiction in which Cerneauism has gained a foothold.

It is a well written report, but sadly curtailed from financial reasons.

M.: W.: R. F. Divver, Anderson, Grand Master, and R.: W.: Charles Inglesby, Charleston, Grand Secretary; both reelected.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1890.

The sixteenth annual communication was held at Madison, June 10th, 11th, and 12th, M.: W.: G. V. Ayers, Grand Master. Sixty lodges represented; seventy-four upon the roll. Five past grand masters present, including our representative.

One dispensation issued for a new lodge.

The grand master reported the issuance of two edicts based upon the Cerneau legislation of last year, the first rehearsing the same, admonishing all members to sever their connection with the clandestine body within ninety days from Aug. 10th, 1889, warning them of their liability to masonic trial and punishment after that date, and prohibiting joint occupancy of any lodge room. The second was dated Dec. 10th, 1889, announcing the expiration of the ninety days, and commanding the worshipful master of each lodge to cause charges to be preferred against any member who had failed to comply with the former edict for unmasonic conduct, and if proven guilty to expel him. Further instructions were given not to admit any Cerneau member as a visitor, and providing an addition to the test oath to that effect.

The committee on masonic jurisprudence took exceptions to the latter document, and their report upon the subject was adopted as follows:

The resolution offered by P. G. M. Hand and adopted by this grand lodge in 1889 prohibits the so-called Cerneau rite from doing work within this jurisdiction, and forbids all masons therein to confer, communicate, take, or receive any of the degrees of said so-called rite. There was no intention to make the law retroactive, nor was any more stringent legislation deemed necessary or expedient. In the first edict issued by the grand master all, if not more, of the intent and purpose of the legislation of the grand lodge in the premises was promulgated. Edict No. 2 we believe to be entirely beyond anything contemplated by the resolution in question. No necessity existed for its promulgation, and none exists now for the adoption of measures so stringent as those promulgated and enjoined by said edict. We believe further that its enforcement would endanger those happy fraternal relations that exist between this and sister grand lodges. We therefore recommend that Edict No. 2 be disapproved and cease to have force and effect.

The death of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson was announced, the address stating:

As a mason of deep learning and long official service Bro. Pierson had few equals and no superior, and in his death the craft in general have sustained an irreparable loss.

Amendments to the constitution inserting a grand lecturer in the list of grand officers and modifying the title to South Dakota were declared adopted by a majority of the constituent lodges.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this grand lodge recommend to each particular lodge under this jurisdiction that it shall require that each brother raised to the sublime degree of master mason shall appear in open lodge and pass a satisfactory examination as to his proficiency in the third degree within two months after such raising, unless further time be granted by vote of the lodge.

One hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated to the grand lodge library for binding, and the grand secretary was instructed to make a complete catalogue and present the same at the next annual communication.

The charity and widows and orphans funds received due attention, the grand master starting each with a subscription of \$25. As a matter of convenience it would be better to consolidate them under either head, the object being identical, and the bal-

ances could be better handled and invested together than separately. Simplicity in book-keeping is a great desideratum, not only saving time and labor, but reducing the liability to error.

Amendments to the by-laws were adopted providing that no particular lodge shall have more than one stated meeting during each lunar period; that no petition for initiation, membership, or advancement shall be received or acted upon except at a stated communication, and no ballot taken unless seven members are present; no candidate shall be advanced without being duly examined as to proficiency in open lodge, nor until the next stated meeting without dispensation; that a candidate for initiation or advancement failing to present himself within one year after election must reappear for the same, with a new ballot.

The committee on masonic jurisprudence thus reported upon the matter of prerogatives:

The grand master believes the prerogatives of his office circumscribed by grand lodge regulations. This is what your committee, or a part of it, considers an open question. It is one that has never been especially defined by this grand lodge, and your committee are at variance upon this subject. We cannot at this time give it that consideration which its importance demands, as the foremost masonic jurists of the day differ upon this subject.

A committee was appointed to prepare articles of incorporation, to be submitted for consideration next year. From the experience the craft has lately had in Iowa and Ohio the step is one of doubtful propriety, and our advice would be, don't do it.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. William Blatt; Minnesota kindly reviewed. We extract the following:

The death of Grand Secretary A. T. C. Pierson was the occasion of a special communication of the grand lodge on the 29th of November last, and the remains of the masonic veteran, the father of masonry in our neighboring jurisdiction, were laid to rest. Of rare talents and a zealous devotion to the craft, evidenced by years of labor in its behalf, he has been a prominent figure in masonry far beyond the boundaries of the state. Kind and genial of disposition, he was beloved and respected by all who knew him. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota has suffered in his death the greatest loss she has ever sustained, and masonry at large one of its ablest and most fearless exponents. May his ashes rest peacefully and his spirit find eternal joy and bliss.

The report on correspondence is by the new grand secretary, and very much to our liking both in sentiment and style. Dakota for 1889 receives at his hands due neighborly and brotherly notice.

In justice to Bro. Montgomery it may be stated that the present writer is alone responsible for the report, as Bro. Blatt might have discovered had he looked at the signature. The compliment, however, is appreciated just the same.

The following paragraph is taken from the introduction:

The degree of past master is fast getting where it belongs—to oblivion. We never received it, and have been master of a lodge several times. We conferred it before we ever had been master, upon others elected, and done this because none of the past masters present knew how. As it was done at the request of the grand lodge then in session, of course it was all right. But keep this to yourself.

How the brother could confer a degree which he had neither received nor was entitled to receive or impart is a sort of Dakota, we beg pardon, South Dakota, conundrum which we give up, notwithstanding our early schooling in Connecticut. It reminds one of the bank identification, where Brown introduced Smith to the teller and then Smith vouched for Brown; the draft, nevertheless, remained uncashed. With such a loose supervision no wonder the degree or ceremony has fallen into disrepute.

M. W. T. D. Kanouse, Sioux Falls, Grand Master; R. W. C. T. McCoy, Aberdeen, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. William Blatt, Yankton, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1890.

The seventy-sixth annual communication was held at Nashville, Jan. 29th, 30th, and 31st, M. W. J. T. Willfamson, Grand Master. Three hundred and seventy-one lodges represented; four hundred and one on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Five dispensations issued for new lodges; two charters surrendered, two arrested, and one restored.

The deaths of Bros. D. R. Grafton, Elihu Edmundson, J. C. Brown, and James McCallum, past grand masters, were announced.

A number of decisions and special dispensations were reported, all of which were approved by the committee on masonic jurisprudence with the exception of one granted to a lodge to confer the master mason's degree in less than four weeks. We quote:

Your committee are of the opinion that the power is not vested in the grand master to issue dispensations suspending the operation of an edict or regulation of the grand lodge.

The non-affiliates were treated to the following:

Resolved, That all non-affiliated master masons who have been duly notified as required by edict fifty, and who shall have failed to pay the dues imposed by said edict before the close of the present annual communication, be and they are hereby suspended from all the rights and privileges of masonry; the grand master and grand secretary being hereby authorized and empowered to remit the dues of such non-affiliates as may be shown to be unable to pay the same.

The committee on masonic jurisprudence submitted a lengthy review of the Ohio unpleasantness, no new facts being elicited. Having expressed an opinion last year against Tennessee we give the conclusions in full as a matter of fairness:

With regard to the right, so strenuously asserted by the committee in the pamphlet alluded to, that the nomination by Grand Master Burdick of a person who should be commissioned as *our* representative within *his* jurisdiction was conclusive, and "not a matter for their (our) consideration." Your committee takes issue pointedly and unequivocally. We admit the undoubted right of the grand master of any jurisdiction to decline to receive distasteful or improper persons appointed as representatives by other grand jurisdictions. And for this reason, as the speediest method of arriving at an appointment that would be acceptable, it has been the custom to ask for, receive, and accept nominations by the jurisdiction to which the representative is to be accredited. But such nominations are not conclusive; they are a courtesy extended, not a right to be demanded. It cannot be that the *appointing* power vests elsewhere than in the jurisdiction to be represented.

It is clearly beyond question that the withdrawal by the grand master of Ohio of the commission of the representative of that jurisdiction near the Grand Lodge of Tennessee was *the act* which severed the fraternal relations [not, we trust, the fraternal good will] subsisting between the two grand jurisdictions. This act it is not in the power of *this* grand lodge to correct. It can only be done by the grand lodge or grand master of Ohio; and, until such a step shall be taken, any action on the part of this grand lodge could not possibly avail, and would be of the nature of an effort on our part to force upon them an intercourse and amicable relationship that by their own act they have expressed a desire to terminate.

As a committee we are unwilling to recommend that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee place herself in such an attitude, but we do emphatically reiterate the expressions of regret at the apparent rupture, and trust that the time may speedily come when a renewal may be accomplished that shall be mutually pleasant and beneficial.

This report is signed by the late grand master of Tennessee. It would have been in better taste had he not taken part in the adjudication of his own case.

The first paragraph is sound. Grand representatives should be appointed by the jurisdiction to which they are accredited, although the practice has become quite general of regarding them as personal perquisites of the grand master near whose grand lodge they are supposed to serve. In this instance, however, the appointee would probably not have been received by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, so the attempt of the late grand master of Tennessee to compliment one of his Cerneau brethren would have produced a rupture in any event.

The second paragraph is not sustained by the facts in the case, for it was the insulting letter of the grand master of Tennessee to the grand master of Ohio, written upon official paper, under official seal, signed officially, and addressed officially, which severed the fraternal relations. Why the Tennessee committee should persist in calling this a private letter is not easy to understand. It does not help the matter, but places their grand lodge in a very unfavorable light before the masonic world.

In this connection the following statement from the annual address of the grand master of Ohio may be appropriately given:

I did write Bro. W. F. Foster, of Nashville, to return his commission, but was informed in reply that he was not, and never had been, the representative of Ohio; but he was under the impression that Bro. James McCallum, of Pulaski, was our recognized representative. Thereupon I addressed a letter to Bro. McCallum, who answered, in the fraternal spirit characteristic of the man, informing me that some years before he had acted as our representative; but, owing to old age and infirmities (being then eighty-three years old), he had long since resigned his office.

What a burlesque is sometimes made of this grand representative system. Here was a grand master trying to recall something that did not exist, neither had the vacancy proved of suf-

ficient importance to be brought to the attention of either grand body, yet the senior committee of the one most affected by the deprivation, momentous or otherwise, gravely declares this to be the overt act, beyond their power to correct. We do not think so. A disavowal and withdrawal of the offensive letter marked exhibit number two would produce harmony in short order. Let Tennessee try it and see.

Upon recommendation of the committee on masonic jurisprudence, the following amendment was made to their text book:

And the rules of our municipal law are a safe guide in determining the competency of witnesses.

The non-affiliate legislation was modified as follows:

Resolved, That a non-affiliated master mason, suspended by the grand lodge for non-payment of the dues assessed against him, shall be restored to all his rights as such by the payment of the dues for the non-payment of which he was suspended, and the receipt of the grand secretary for said dues shall be sufficient evidence of such payment.

A lodge of sorrow was held during the session, at which appropriate eulogies were delivered and printed as an appendix. Hereafter the commendation will be confined to resolutions and memorial pages, as recommended by the committee on ways and means.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. F. M. Smith; Minnesota for 1889 briefly noticed.

M. : W. : B. F. Haller, Memphis, Grand Master; R. : W. : John Frizzell, Nashville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. G. C. Connor, Chattanooga, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TEXAS, 1889.

The fifty-fourth annual communication was held at Houston, Dec. 10th, 11th, and 12th, M. : W. : W. S. Fly, Grand Master. Two hundred and forty-seven lodges represented; five hundred and nine on the roll. Ten past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Six dispensations for new lodges; fourteen demised during the year.

After stating that the year has been one of unexampled prosperity the grand master goes on to say:

The great question to us, as masons, is whether freemasonry, with principles as old as time and eternal as truth, is keeping step with the advance of the age in which we live, and sending forth the rays of light to which men can turn for hope, consolation, and sympathy. While the influence of the mother of brotherhoods is doing more to soften the asperities of life, to relieve the necessities of mankind, and give men a higher type of manhood than any other human institution, yet we are not accomplishing the good we should in our borders. Not that our numbers are not multiplying, not that the wisest and best are not seeking companionship with us, not that our institution is unpopular, but ignorance, that greatest menace to church, state, or brotherhood, ignorance not only of the ritual and jurisprudence of the grand lodge, but ignorance of the tenets and principles upon which is built the great institution. This is the sword suspended above us and against which we are to guard. I have been often astonished, as well as mortified, during the past year, at questions propounded by officers of lodges in regard to the plainest edicts of this grand lodge, and it was only a few weeks since that there was one lodge in Texas, at least, that had never discovered who were the officers of this grand body.

An attempt was made to supplement the work of the grand lodge by the organization of district associations, which were promptly and properly suppressed by the grand master. His action was sustained by the jurisprudence committee. The brethren were undoubtedly actuated by the best of motives, but the principle is a most pernicious one.

The subject of non-affiliates is a serious one in that jurisdiction, the number being estimated at upwards of thirteen hundred. Nothing, however, was attempted in the way of legislation to check or lessen the evil, and it is very doubtful whether any enactment would prove other than a dead letter. So long as a mason has an undoubted right to dimit from his lodge at pleasure so long will the number of drones remain undiminished, and there appears to be no adequate remedy.

Nineteen dispensations were granted to install officers in public, but applications to confer degrees out of time were invariably refused, the grand master holding that this prerogative should only be exercised in cases of the greatest emergency. It occurs to us that the Minnesota plan of proficiency is far preferable to a calendar limitation.

Forty-four decisions were noted, most of them purely of local interest. We quote the following:

2. That a lodge, chartered within the jurisdiction of another, cannot reduce its dues without the consent of the other lodge.

25. That a brother who has lost his privilege as past master by dimitting from the lodge over which he presided cannot resume the same by again affiliating with his lodge, and he should not be reported to the grand lodge as a past master.

34. The officers of a lodge were installed without opening the lodge. Held that the officers were not legally installed, but it was an irregularity that did not affect the work of the lodge. I ordered the officers properly installed in tiled lodge.

35. That the officers of a lodge installed by any other than an actual past master are not legally installed, but acts performed while irregular would not be void.

Number twenty-five is neither sound logic nor good law. A past master loses none of his rights by dismission, other than the privileges afforded by lodge membership, and he is still a master mason and a past master wherever he goes unless suspended or expelled by competent authority.

A subordinate lodge was reprimanded for offering a reward for the apprehension of a man who had murdered one of its leading members. The grand master ably closes his summary of the case as follows:

One of the cardinal principles of freemasonry is a strict non-interference with affairs of church or state. Upon this rock is the great superstructure reared, and the storms of ages have beat upon it in vain, while kingdoms and empires have passed away and nations have risen, fallen, and been forgotten. At no hour in our history can this doctrine be more strongly insisted upon than the present, when there is a growing tendency in church and societies to cut loose from the ancient moorings and drift out into the turbid waters of politics and interfere in the administration of civil affairs.

The grand master declined to issue dispensations to form lodges in Mexico.

Referring to the so-called Cerneaus, he says:

I received several letters in regard to the Cerneau rite, but it being a matter in which our jurisdiction was not directly concerned I took no action in the matter. I have learned that the trouble has been removed and peace reigns.

The following comment is made upon the reports of the district deputies:

Too much stress cannot be put upon the importance of the office of district deputy. The grand master may be the commander-in-chief, but the district deputies are the active officers to see his commands executed, and too great care cannot be exercised in their selection. It is almost an invariable rule that where the district deputies are zealous, energetic, intelligent, and devoted to the principles of freemasonry the craft is in a flourishing state. They are brought in direct contact with the subordinate lodges, and upon their shoulders will devolve the duty of keeping alive the fires of the order.

The deaths of Bro. J. F. Taylor, past grand master, Bro. N. B. Yard, past grand commander, Bro. G. M. Patrick, past grand master, and Bro. G. H. Bringhurst, past grand secretary, were announced. The latter held the office for twenty-two years, retiring voluntarily in 1885 by reason of ill health.

Among the concluding words of this admirable address is taken the following, which is commended to the careful consideration of the craft in general:

This is an age of secret societies and brotherhoods, many of them appealing to a love of tinsel, show, and gaudy ceremony; but masonry is truth, simple in its dress, simple in its love, eternal in its principles, irresistible in its influences, with no dogma but universal benevolence, with no allies but faith in man and trust in God, with no desire but the elevation of the race, with no anchor but hope, and no rudder but love, she teaches men of a better life here and whispers of the bright life to come. Arrogating to herself no prerogative of church or state, unchanging and unchangeable, because founded upon the affections and necessities of men, the same in every age, clime and nation, the great brotherhood moves on forever. Learn, if you have not already, the value of the inestimable treasure committed to every mason, and so live that its influence may be felt and appreciated of men. Repel any suggestion of innovation, for the very vitality of freemasonry rests in the unchangeableness of its teachings. Masonry is the garnered-up, concentrated wisdom of ages, and its truths are incapable of improvement, or its principles, of being made better and clearer. Let us be true to our teachings, true to her tenets, and we will then be true to ourselves, to our fellows, and to our God.

The directors of the masonic home reported \$20,050 invested, bearing ten per cent interest, and secured by trust deeds.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. T. M. Matthews; Minnesota kindly noticed.

Under the head of West Virginia, he pertinently remarks:

We believe that the rationale of the law excluding persons physically deformed, or imperfect, lies deeper and is more ancient than the source ascribed to it. That it is grounded on a principle recognized in the earliest ages of the world, and will be found identified with that which obtained among the Jews. In this respect the levitical law was the same as the masonic, which would not allow any "to go into the vail" who had a blemish. And, however much we may regret it, and sympathize with a man in his misfortune, *we* cannot conscientiously receive him into our order. And we are persuaded that at all times and under all circumstances a strict adherence to every landmark, both in the *letter* and the *spirit*, will be found to inure to the honor and benefit of masonry.

M. : W. : A. S. Richardson elected Grand Master; R. : W. : W. F. Swain reelected Grand Secretary; both of Houston. Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

UTAH, 1890.

The nineteenth annual communication was held at Salt Lake City, Jan. 21st and 22d, M. : W. : A. R. Heywood, Grand Master. The seven lodges all represented. Seven past grand masters present, including our representative.

The death of Bro. P. H. Emerson, past grand master, was announced.

The following is one of the opening sentences of the address:

The year that has elapsed since last we met within these walls has been one of signal advance in material prosperity for our territory; there has been an addition of new blood and a quickening of the circulation of the old that makes a permanent and prosperous country assured.

The reports of the grand secretary are always of peculiar interest; this is his seventeenth annual.

The following is suggestive to a great many other jurisdictions:

The loss of the charter of Corinne Lodge No. 5, the debate in grand lodge on the subject, and the total absence of a copy thereof convinced me that I had neglected a very important duty in the early days of our grand lodge. The mistake has been corrected. I procured a charter book, in which I copied each charter issued by the grand lodge. It is never too late to amend mistakes. If hereafter a charter should again be lost or destroyed a correct copy of the same can be found in the charter book.

If this thing keeps on Bro. Diehl will have to put up the side-boards. Just hear him:

In Utah almost every other man is a prophet (it is catching, something like la grippe), and I believe your grand secretary is one of the other men. At the beginning of the year I prophesied an upward move in the march of masonry, and it has come to pass. During 1889 we have gained seventeen members. Enough to give encouragement for the future, yet small when taking into consideration the many good American citizens who have for the past two years made our fair territory their permanent home, and among whom much excellent material can be found for the building of the masonic edifice.

The concluding words will be read with universal regret and heartfelt sympathy:

All my reports this year are incomplete. In December last I stood in the presence of the great mystery of all mysteries, in the presence of death and by the side of an open grave. My only dear daughter, the image of her good mother, kind and charitable, industrious and accomplished, a true woman, passed away and entered the limitless realms of an unknown world. She is gone, never to return. * * * * * Her short life was a happy life. But how terrible the affliction and how piercing the grief. I loved her so much, and felt so happy in her happiness. Pardon me. I cannot say more.

In the report as librarian he says:

During the present winter the reading room has been more thronged than ever before. Very often all the chairs are occupied and we find no room for the reading visitors. Our city is full of strangers, the weather is and for months has been bad, and the people make use of the opportunity offered them in the library and improve their minds by reading. My personal observation has convinced me that our library has done as much to change the sky in Utah from dark to light as any other liberal institution, the mission schools and churches not excepted. I hope the time will soon come that we can move into better and more commodious quarters.

An amendment to the finance committee's report, increasing the grand secretary's salary from \$500 to \$600 "was carried unanimously. The brother mostly interested in the amendment was not permitted to speak and to object."

A sum not exceeding \$150 was appropriated for jewels for their grand representatives near other grand lodges, to be made of pure Utah silver. We shall watch out for Bro. R. H. Gove next month.

Bro. A. T. C. Pierson is remembered in the memorial pages, the inscription being as follows:

For half a century a mason, a ripe masonic scholar and author, an eloquent orator, an honored citizen. His record is good and his fame secure.

The grand secretary presented his sixteenth report on correspondence, with a fraternal review of Minnesota for 1889. That portion of the address referring to their grand representative is given entire. He adds:

Nothing is more touching than the death of the young; it is inexpressibly sad. We tender our personal sympathy to our Bro. Gove and to his bereaved household.

The following tribute is paid to his old friend:

Since writing the foregoing the sad news has come to us that Bro. A. T. C. Pierson is dead. With him a bright and shining light has gone out. As a masonic author Bro. Pierson stood very high. He was looked upon as one of the ablest masonic orators in the whole land, and even the old age he had attained had not written one wrinkle on the brow of his eloquence. For nearly half a century he wore the masonic armor and took a most active part in all the questions that were of interest to, and for the advancement of, masonry. He was a sincere man, and had the magnificent gift of expressing his ideas in a convincing and entertaining manner. This gave to all his efforts a charm that made him hosts of friends. We met him here in 1883, and heard his heart throbs; they were kind, true, warm. He lived for his family, for his brethren, for his fellow men. He earned fully the eternal calm that death has brought to him.

Under the head of Colorado we find the following reminiscence:

The Grand Lodge of Utah was organized in January, 1872, and adopted a constitution and by-laws. Section three, of article fourteen, reads, "the charter of a lodge may be forfeited by a failure to meet during a period of three successive months;" and section thirteen of the by-laws reads, "no lodge shall be opened or held unless there be seven members present." In the summer of that year Grand Master Strickland granted a dispensation to a number of brethren to open Utah Lodge (now Story Lodge No. 4) at Provo.

The lodge at that time had eleven members, and they being scattered over the counties of Utah and Juab it was hard for the lodge to comply with section thirteen, especially in the summer months. The members were determined to have the section repealed. They had their plans well laid out, speakers selected, and came excellently prepared to the second annual communication in November, 1873. While writing this

the whole scene passes before my mind's eye. Many of the brethren who took part in that memorable session have crossed the dark river, others have fallen by the roadside, and of the few remaining in the field the present writer, who was at that time a big greeny, and is one still, is perhaps the only one that remembers the proceedings. It was a stormy session, one that we shall never forget. The talented R. H. Robertson occupied the grand east. On the floor were Bros. Strickland, Kahn, Tracy, Cohn, Swartz, Siegel, and many other skilled masons. All took a hand in the spirited debate. The committee on jurisprudence made a report on the resolution to repeal section thirteen of the by-laws, which report was referred back to the committee for correction. There was no end to arguments pro and con. All at once a Methodist preacher, the junior warden of Story Lodge No. 4, arose, and in an eloquent speech, lasting nearly an hour, compared the two laws and pictured the hardship section thirteen worked on his small lodge, closing with, "you can and you can't, you shall and you shan't; you be damned if you do, and you be damned if you don't."

The whole grand lodge was dumbfounded when hearing such expressions from a preacher, but it was a trump card and the preacher got the trick. Section thirteen was repealed, and the members of Story Lodge laughed in their sleeves and returned to their homes jubilant. Since then we have no law on the point at all. Three are sufficient to open a master's lodge and transact business as it was in ye olden times. But it is not right, it ought to be at least seven. The Grand Lodge of Utah does not make new laws every session, but if ever a change is made in its code and we are still on deck seven shall be the number.

To come back to the preacher. At that session of our grand lodge he carried off another prize in the shape of the junior grand wardenship. He was a man full of courage, a patriot, and a true christian gentleman. * * * He resides now in the state of New York, but is still a member of Story Lodge No. 4.

The following notes of triumph are taken from under the head of Montana:

Since writing the above the long looked for roth of February has come and gone, and brought victory. In the language of Admiral O. H. Perry, "We have met the enemy and they are ours." It was indeed a glorious day, one that will never be forgotten. In the history of Salt Lake City it will be forever a red letter day that will be celebrated by generations to come, because it has loosed the chains and damned church rule. Hereafter the Mormon priests dare not attempt to make laws or construe the laws of the American government, so that they are against all the teachings of civilization, debasing women and degrading men. Henceforth free men rule this city, and ere long free men will rule the territory. The cup we have been forced to drink for these many years has been dashed to pieces, and the right has triumphed at last.

M. : W. : A. M. Grant, Grand Master; R. : W. : Christopher Diehl, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Salt Lake City. The latter is continued at the head of the committee on correspondence.

VERMONT, 1890.

The ninety-seventh annual communication was held at Burlington, June 11th and 12th, M. : W. : G. W. Wing, Grand Master. Ninety lodges represented; one hundred upon the roll. Six past grand masters present, also our representative.

A portrait of Bro. L. C. Butler, past grand master, faces the title page.

The death of Bro. A. T. C. Pierson was announced in the address, and a memorial page included in the proceedings.

The report on foreign correspondence was submitted by Bro. M. C. Perkins; Minnesota fraternally noticed. Of Bro. Pierson, he says:

His was an honored name in the annals of freemasonry, not only in Minnesota, but throughout the world. Beyond a doubt he was the most learned and widely known mason in the great northwest. * * * Minnesota's loss is the loss of all, and Father Pierson's labors for freemasonry will long be held in grateful remembrance by all.

In speaking of lodge returns he remarks:

Evidently Bro. Montgomery possesses the requisite powers of persuasion, and is to be congratulated upon his happy exercise of the same.

M. : W. : G. W. Wing, Montpelier, reëlected Grand Master; R. : W. : W. G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary; Bro. M. C. Perkins, Windsor, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA, 1889.

The one hundred and twelfth annual communication was held at Richmond, Dec. 10th, 11th, and 12th, M. : W. : R. T. Craig-hill, Grand Master. One hundred and forty-seven lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-two on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

Six dispensations for new lodges were reported.

The address is a brief business document, reviewing the official acts of the year, in which he pays the following deserved compliment:

When I entered upon the duties of my office, a year ago, I found that the benign and masterly rule of my illustrious predecessor, M. W. W. F. Drinkard, had brought the grand jurisdiction, in all its departments, to such a healthy and prosperous condition that, partly for this reason and partly in compliment to his preëminent wisdom and excellence—not to mention my warm affection for him personally—I concluded to leave things as I found them by renewing all his appointments without exception. The present flourishing state of things, as a general rule, appears to me to have justified such action on my part; for, it gives me pleasure to report to you officially, that, in my opinion, never before in the history of the state has blue lodge masonry been stronger, more respected by the outside world, or more faithful to the heaven-born principles which underlie its fabric.

The death of Bro. G. H. Jordan, deputy grand master, was announced. He was a member of four lodges, and master of three of them at the same time.

Of their new text book the grand master says:

The consummate wisdom of its compilers has placed in my hands a code of laws which anticipates with such marvelous forecast nearly every question of importance that could arise that I have had but light labors in the domains of decisions during the seven and a half months of its operation. Indeed, I have sedulously tried to avoid making new decisions, as far as practicable, because I did not wish to incur the new digest with them; preferring to promote what I conceived to be the good of the order, by leaving the brethren to thrive under permanent, wise, and well understood laws, instead of being more or less distracted and confused by the multiplied and sometimes conflicting decisions of different grand masters. And I desire, in this connection, to recommend most urgently to the grand lodge to test this admirable system of laws still farther before engrafting trivial, hasty, and illy-digested changes upon the body of it.

Consequently there were but four decisions, all of them apparently originating from a single case.

The following pleasing incident is related:

The grand encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, which met in triennial conclave in the city of Washington, D. C., on the 8th day of October, 1889, called together an immense concourse of master masons from all parts of our country, including visitors from Canada and elsewhere. Matteson Lodge No. 175, of Joliet, Ill., filled

with the laudable desire of visiting the historic lodge where George Washington had presided as worshipful master, requested of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 the privilege of conferring the master mason's degree on that classic ground. Being desirous of gratifying the brethren from Illinois, I authorized the worshipful master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 to open his lodge in due form on that occasion, and permit the officers of the Illinois lodge to confer the degree *in the bosom of his lodge*; which was done, the candidate being a fellow-craft of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. I was present myself on the occasion, as was also M. W. J. C. Smith, of Illinois, and many other distinguished brethren from various grand jurisdictions. The work was done with great skill, and there were many things suggestive of improvement upon the modes of some of our Virginia workmen.

Work upon the new temple has been delayed by the failure of a quarry company, but it was hoped to be able to hold the next annual communication in the new quarters.

The grand lodge was called off during the second day to enable the members to participate in the Jefferson Davis memorial services.

The death of Bro. Thomas Simmons was reported, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was made a master mason about 1820, and was considered the oldest in the state.

The special committee upon a masonic home were about making an adverse report, when \$5,000 was donated by Bro. A. G. Babcock. His liberal offer was accepted with a vote of thanks, and a board of governors appointed to commence work at once.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. W. F. Drinkard. Minnesota received a page, mainly devoted to our late Bro. A. T. C. Pierson.

Under the head of California he says:

The grand master also had prerogatives before Charles's day, and has them now. Masonry has not changed. We find these prerogatives very serviceable in Virginia. They seem to us to be one of the things that differentiate ancient craft masonry from the new fangled confraternities of this day. When masonry degenerates into the likeness of these latter bodies as societies, it will have no *raison d'être*. There will be no place for it. The field will have been fully occupied. A grand master without prerogatives is a mere simulacrum, the ghost of a real grand master.

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The grand lodge is the supreme executive, the supreme court, and the supreme legislature. The functions of all three departments of gov-

ernment belong to the grand lodge. If a regulation pretends to bind her, she repeals it as a supreme legislature, executes the new law as the supreme executive, and as the supreme court adjudges the new law to be valid. "Constitution," indeed. "Constitution" is the word; and the word constitutions, when masons first adopted the word, meant no more than the word regulations now means.

The following paragraphs are taken from the review of Dakota:

For violating its own regulations no grand lodge can be called to account. But for violating what is called a landmark, or, to use other words, for violating what all other grand lodges regard as inviolable customs and usages, a grand lodge may be disciplined. The opinion of the masonic world no grand lodge could withstand.

We don't take much stock in any list of landmarks that we ever saw, so we cannot comply with Bro. Thompson's request. Nevertheless, there are some things in masonry for which we have no other and no better name. A landmark is a *sine qua non* in masonry, as, for illustration, no obligation, no mason; no legend of the third degree, no mason; no master, no lodge; no mysteries, no mason; etc., etc. If there be any landmarks, they are customs and usages which cannot be abolished or disregarded without destroying masonry. But as to grand lodge constitutions, so called, they are nothing. They bind no grand lodge, neither the grand lodge which adopts them nor any other grand lodge. Grand lodges may choose to respect these constitutions, but if any grand lodge were to abolish its whole constitution at any meeting by a majority vote, though that constitution provided that it could not be altered or amended except by a two-thirds vote of two successive grand lodges, that would put an end to that constitution. The word constitution has misled many good brethren.

We apprehend that in most grand lodges a motion to abolish its constitution would be ruled out of order by the grand master, and therefore never come to a vote. Still we agree with Bro. Drinkard in his general views upon the subject.

Dual membership is thus defended under the head of District of Columbia:

The advantage is to the lodge. It enables a lawyer to hold membership in each of several counties in which he practices, and thus to help weak lodges. It enables a brother of any one of ten lodges in this city to serve a second lodge as its master or in any other capacity, without quitting his mother lodge. Here, where refreshments are served at every meeting, a brother might dislike to visit too often, no matter how fond he was of so doing. We never had any trouble growing out of

dual membership, unless we call it trouble to regulate it. We mean that so far as we know no two lodges have ever had a disagreement as to the status of a brother belonging to both lodges.

In 1880 further dual membership was prohibited in Minnesota, after several years of unfavorable experience. One objection was the duplication of names upon the grand lodge register, and still another that a brother might be stricken from the rolls of one of his lodges for non-payment of dues and thus rendered a non-affiliate, while he would remain in good standing in the other by prompt payment; a status not particularly relished by the grand secretary in endeavoring to reconcile the conflicting returns. If there were any great benefits arising from the practice they failed to be brought out in the discussion of the resolution above referred to.

Under Illinois is found the following extract:

- For a grand lodge, itself the supreme power in the grand jurisdiction—having legislative, executive, and judicial powers—to pretend to make a constitution binding upon any future grand lodge is to attempt the impossible. Each grand lodge is sovereign and independent. Each grand lodge possesses all the powers not denied to it by the landmarks (which landmarks are themselves not ascertained).

Our idea of a grand lodge is that it is a perpetual body like, for instance, the senate of the United States, although in the natural order of things its membership is constantly changing. The Grand Lodge of Minnesota was organized in 1853, has held annual communications with but two exceptions, and providence permitting will hold its thirty-eighth in January next. There are but three or four survivors of the original twelve who participated in the organization, possibly not one of them may be present at that time, still its existence has been continuous beyond peradventure. Any legislation enacted during all these years is binding until lawfully amended or repealed. When or how is a question for the grand lodge itself to determine, under the rules or regulations heretofore adopted for convenience in the transaction of business.

Under Maine he offers the following suggestions in regard to elections:

Try the old Virginia plan, Bro. Drummond. Make every elective officer stand the test of a secret ballot taken in his absence from the lodge room.

If every candidate is relegated to the ante-room, who in thunder does the voting?

The following appears under Montana:

We see no virtue in the past master's degree unless it be conferred, as in Virginia, upon the wardens. As we confer it, it certainly gives us some conception of the fitness of the wardens to be masters.

Perpetual jurisdiction in Wisconsin is thus treated:

That a lodge retains jurisdiction over rejected applicants five years. This is better than perpetual; but this, too, "must go." It takes two to make a bargain. If you refuse to go into partnership with a man, you do not thereby deprive all other men of the right to go into partnership with him, nor can a woman prevent her rejected lover from marrying another woman.

M. : W. : R. T. Craighill, Lynchburg, Grand Master, and R. : W. : W. B. Isaacs, Richmond, Grand Secretary, both reëlected. Bro. W. F. Drinkard continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

WASHINGTON, 1890.

The thirty-third annual communication was held at Ellensburg, June 10th, 11th and 12th, M. : W. : W. A. Fairweather, Grand Master. Fifty-five lodges represented; sixty-eight upon the roll. Eight past grand masters present, including our representative.

Ten dispensations issued for new lodges.

The corner stone of a new masonic temple was laid the first afternoon with appropriate ceremonies.

The death of Bro. T. T. Minor, past grand master, was announced.

Under the head of decisions the grand master pertinently observes:

Masters of lodges would, in my judgment, have less appeals such as I have alluded to if they themselves were more familiar with these accepted fundamentals of our institution. The practicing lawyer is expected to be familiar with the laws of his state, and where he is faulty in this particular he may expect his clientage occasionally plunged in error.

The thanks of the grand lodge were tendered to Bro. Levi Ankeny, past grand master, for the gift of new regalia.

A fine engraving of T. M. Reed, grand secretary, faces the title page.

Among the memorial pages is one for Bro. A. T. C. Pierson.

The report on masonic correspondence was prepared by Bro. Louis Ziegler, who managed to reach the end this year without burning up his office in order to get rid of the unreviewed pamphlets. Minnesota is handsomely noticed, from which we quote:

The proceedings of this grand lodge come to us in a neat pamphlet, frontispiced with the portrait of our good friend and brother, Past Grand Master H. R. Denny, who served the craft of this bailiwick for two terms as grand master with credit and distinction. We have the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with this prince of good fellows, who is every inch a man.

But passing from this pleasant face to the next page our heart sinks with sadness and sorrow, for on this page is inscribed the proceedings of an especial communication of this grand lodge, called on the 29th day of November, 1889, for the purpose of laying to rest that which was mortal of our old friend and brother, whom we have known for one score of years and ten as a father and teacher in masonry, Past Grand Master Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, who passed these mortal confines on the morning of the 26th day of that month, to receive his well-earned reward. He was laid to rest by his grand lodge and brethren whom he served so well. A father in Israel has fallen; a pillar of the temple is broken; and we here desire to offer our tribute to his worth by sprinkling over his beloved remains our handful of dust. Peace to his ashes; his soul has gone to its long home of the blessed. Grand Master Kiester performed the honors of the occasion over the remains of this noble man and mason.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd—a new Richmond in the field. He reviews clearly and with force. Washington for 1889 receives fraternal mention. He takes exceptions to Grand Master Porter's rulings, that "the acts of a lodge becomes not invalid because its charter was destroyed, and therefore not present at lodge meeting." Bro. Todd believes with many others in the doctrine of the real presence, but we in Washington do not, neither did good old Queen Bess.

See here, don't wring in any more of this Eastern Star nonsense; it has no b'aring on the case.

M. : W. : J. E. Edmiston, Dayton, Grand Master; R. : W. : T. M. Reed, Olympia, reëlected Grand Secretary, and is also chairman of the committee on correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1889.

A portrait of the grand master elect appears as a frontispiece, supplemented by a brief biography. There are also portraits of Bro. T. H. Logan, past grand master, deceased, and of Bro. O. S. Long, past grand master.

A half dozen special communications were held during the year for the installation of lodge officers and the laying of corner stones.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Wheeling, Nov. 12th and 13th, M. : W. : Gustav Brown, Grand Master. Eighty-four lodges represented; eighty-nine on the roll. Four past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered.

The following is one of the opening paragraphs of the annual address:

The spirit of harmony existing within our borders is a tower of strength to the principles of our brotherhood, which seek the true enlightenment of the human race by the beneficent influences of brotherly love, truth, and peace. With us our ancient landmarks have remained inviolate, the guiding star to a bright course, and upon the threshold of the ensuing year I give it you strictly in charge to guard and protect them from innovations. The landmarks, with their ancient tests and formulas, should be treasured like the sacred Scriptures, to which we must make no addition, and from which nothing must be taken away.

The grand master refused several dispensations to confer degrees under the plea of emergency, and goes on to say:

If the delays and forms of proceeding which our order has thrown around the entrance to our institution weary the patience of any who are seeking admission into our fraternity, I think it would be a happy riddance to be relieved of such; for they would not likely prove ornamental or profitable to the institution. We should guard well the approaches to our sacred temple. It is easy to prevent the admission of an unworthy candidate, but once admitted a great deal of trouble may be given and much injury done.

The following is one of the six decisions reported:

1. It is not necessary to confer the past master degree on a brother elect junior warden when he has taken it in the chapter.

Why confer the degree upon him at all?

The grand secretary reports the sale of the entire edition of their text books during the year, with many calls for them after the supply had been exhausted. West Virginia has four thousand masons, Minnesota nearly twelve thousand; from past experience we should judge that it would have lasted us a dozen years.

In this jurisdiction they have a grand lecturer, with eleven deputies, and a like number of district deputy grand masters, with full reports given in the proceedings. If these officers all do their duty the ground must be well covered.

An eloquent memorial of the late Bro. T. H. Logan, past grand master, was read by the secretary.

The report on foreign correspondence was made by the grand secretary, beginning, like charity, at home; Minnesota briefly noticed.

Of Bro. S. B. Bendell, past grand lecturer, he says:

Bro. Bendell was the brightest mason in the esoteric work the writer ever knew. He knew every part of the work, from the entered apprentice degree to the knight templar, as well as I know my alphabet, and could take any officer's place on the floor without a moment's thought, and do the work without a blunder. He was a walking encyclopedia of *unwritten* masonry. Another remarkable fact in connection with Bro. Bendell as a masonic lecturer was his knowledge of the monitorial work, as well as the esoteric. He had committed to memory, as thoroughly as he had mastered the secret work, Dove's Virginia Text Book, from lid to lid. He never opened it or referred to it while imparting a lecture, nor did he use it at the grave of a brother. The burial service, like everything else in it, was as familiar to him as his A B C's. To say the least he was, all things considered, a remarkable man. He was noted for another thing which was important to a grand lecturer, viz.: he never changed a letter, syllable, or word from the way he received it. He had the most tenacious memory I ever saw implanted in a human being. Such a man was simply invaluable to the craft.

Referring to the Cerneau trouble in Ohio, he pertinently says:

Whenever a lodge rebels against its grand lodge it will be crushed in the end. It has been so from time immemorial. It will be so always. I refer my brethren to Hiram Lodge, Conn. That was an old, wealthy, powerful lodge. She refused to accept the work prescribed by the grand lodge. Her charter was promptly revoked. Communication with her was interdicted by all the grand lodges of the country. The

result was she was frozen out, and was glad enough to yield obedience to the higher authority of the grand lodge. It will be so in Ohio. It will be so everywhere.

The report is a good one, but hard to review for typographical reasons.

M. : W. : Frank Burt, Mannington, elected Grand Master;
R. : W. : G. W. Atkinson, Wheeling, reelected Grand Secretary, and continued as committee on foreign correspondence.

WISCONSIN, 1890.

The forty-sixth annual communication was held at Milwaukee, June 10th and 11th, M. : W. : Myron Reed, Grand Master. Two hundred lodges represented; two hundred and thirteen upon the roll. Eight past grand masters present; our representative absent.

The deaths of a number of old masons were announced. Of Bro. M. J. Higgins the address says:

Dying away from home, among strangers in a strange place, without a friend or even an acquaintance near, and yet from his past master's jewel he is known to be a mason, and one honored by the craft; and immediately his remains receive every care and attention that sympathizing hearts and loving hands can bestow, and every assistance possible is rendered to his brethren and friends who come to bear his remains to their last resting place. How beautifully and eloquently do these few simple facts illustrate that tender regard and brotherly love that characterize our fraternity.

Upon the subject of a proposed masonic home the grand master says:

While I have the highest respect for the feelings that prompted the writing and presentation of these resolutions, yet I doubt very much the necessity and question the expediency of building public homes for aged, infirm, or friendless masons. Our brethren in this state have no great need for *poor houses*, and, I conjecture, no great fancy for living in them. The career of that life has a sad and humiliating termination when it must end in a public home or asylum for the destitute and friendless. Those of our brethren the most deserving of such a home would be the last to seek its shelter and its comfort. It would be filled undoubtedly, but by those who are the least entitled to our charity and the good will of our order. There may be now and then a destitute and friendless mason in such a physical condition that such an institution would be a very acceptable place in which to care for him, but in my

judgment he might be provided for quite as much to his comfort and satisfaction in some private charitable asylum or retreat to be found in almost every city of the state, and at much less cost to the craft.

The committee on charity, to whom the matter had been referred, recommended that the resolutions be indefinitely postponed, and that in lieu thereof a permanent charity fund be created and maintained, a very sensible conclusion.

A portrait of Bro. H. L. Palmer, past grand master, was presented to the grand lodge by Wisconsin Lodge No. 13, of which he is an honored member. Another of Bro. E. E. Chapin, past grand master, was also presented by his son.

The grand master was authorized by resolution to grant dispensations without charge to chapters of the Eastern Star to hold their meetings in masonic lodge rooms, when deemed expedient by him.

A proposed amendment to the constitution making the grand master and grand wardens ineligible for reelection was wisely not adopted.

Bro. Duncan McGregor, committee on foreign correspondence, was substantially recognized for his valuable and gratuitous services during the past four years by an appropriation of \$100.

The following amendment to the constitution was adopted:

SEC. 7. If an objection to initiation is absolute, the applicant shall stand rejected; if conditional or suspensive it shall become absolute if not withdrawn in six months; the rejection to stand from the date when objection made.

If such objection is to advancement the worshipful master shall order a ballot as provided by section six, article ten; if the lodge vote for advancement by a three-fourths vote the candidate shall be advanced and no further objection shall be recognized.

Application for advancement may be renewed in six months after refused by the lodge.

Two special communications were held in December for the purpose of dedicating lodge halls.

The report on foreign correspondence was presented by Bro. Duncan McGregor, an able review of fifty-three grand jurisdictions. Minnesota for 1889 and 1890 fraternally mentioned. We quote:

Bro. Irving Todd writes the correspondence report, and manages to compress a review of fifty-one proceedings of grand jurisdictions into

sixty-nine pages. There seems to be nothing of importance omitted. He has the faculty of saying much in few words. We have read his report with great interest. Though a beginner, Bro. Todd wields the pen like a veteran. Wisconsin is reviewed with little comment. Of course our anti-saloon legislation is noticed, but Bro. Todd does not give his opinion of it as edict of grand lodge. We hope to become better acquainted with Bro. Todd.

Chapters upon masonic homes and Cerneauism conclude this interesting report.

M. : N. M. Littlejohn, Whitewater, Grand Master; R. : W. : J. W. Laffin, Milwaukee, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. Duncan McGregor, Platteville, committee on correspondence.

WYOMING, 1889.

The fifteenth annual communication was held at Green River, Dec. 3d, M. : W. : William Daley, Grand Master. Four lodges represented; eleven upon the roll. Four past grand masters present.

One dispensation for new lodge issued.

One decision was reported, that an entered apprentice who had lost all or a portion of one of his thumbs by accident is eligible for advancement to the other degrees.

The following recommendation is taken from the annual address:

I would respectfully call your attention to a disturbing element commonly known as Cerneauism, against which many of our sister jurisdictions placed in the same position we hold have been compelled to legislate. Without going into details in regard to the controversy that has arisen through the action of this Cerneau rite or body, I have deemed it best to submit for your action such documents as bear upon the subject, and to recommend that now is the time to legislate in such manner as will prevent the introduction of said rite or any similar disturbing element into this jurisdiction.

The matter was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, which will undoubtedly report next year.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary; Minnesota is complimented with a page and a half of extracts from Bro. Pierson's last report.

Under the head of Alabama he remarks:

We are pleased to note his approval of the system which would require a receipt for dues from all visitors desiring to visit a lodge or who seek relief. Our position exactly; sooner or later some plan will have to be adopted to bar out the frauds, dead-beats, and impostors. Our views on this subject and remedy for the existing evil of receiving into lodges any and every one demanding and passing an examination find expression in our former reports. There is virtually no protection against frauds who travel on their cheek. A receipt or some other protective system or plan, if adopted, would greatly benefit members and lodges.

The following is found under Illinois:

He believes Ohio, Pennsylvania, Iowa, and all other jurisdictions who have legislated against Cerneauism have hewed outside the line of ancient craft masonry, or words to that effect. On this we have to differ, and we are not a follower of the Scottish rite cross either, for that very reason. We indorse the action taken. It is well known and will not be disputed that an attempt on the part of any masonic body to occupy the territory of any grand lodge and confer the three craft degrees would be met with the united opposition of every grand lodge in this country, and if persisted in would result in a fight similar to that of the Kilkenny cats. We believe two rival bodies of said rite, if allowed to occupy the same territory, will have the same result in the end among ancient craft masons. On that ground and that alone we commend the action taken, especially before the foundation is laid for disturbing the peace and harmony now existing in our several grand jurisdictions.

The following extract, under Missouri, is eminently sound:

The summoning of members to attend lodge meetings on trivial occasions, and simply because the master or lodge has that right, never did and never will advance masonry in the eyes of its votaries, and has in many cases had the contrary effect.

M. : W. : L. S. Barnes, Laramie, elected Grand Master; R. : W. : W. L. Kuykendall, Cheyenne, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

IRVING TODD,

For the Committee.

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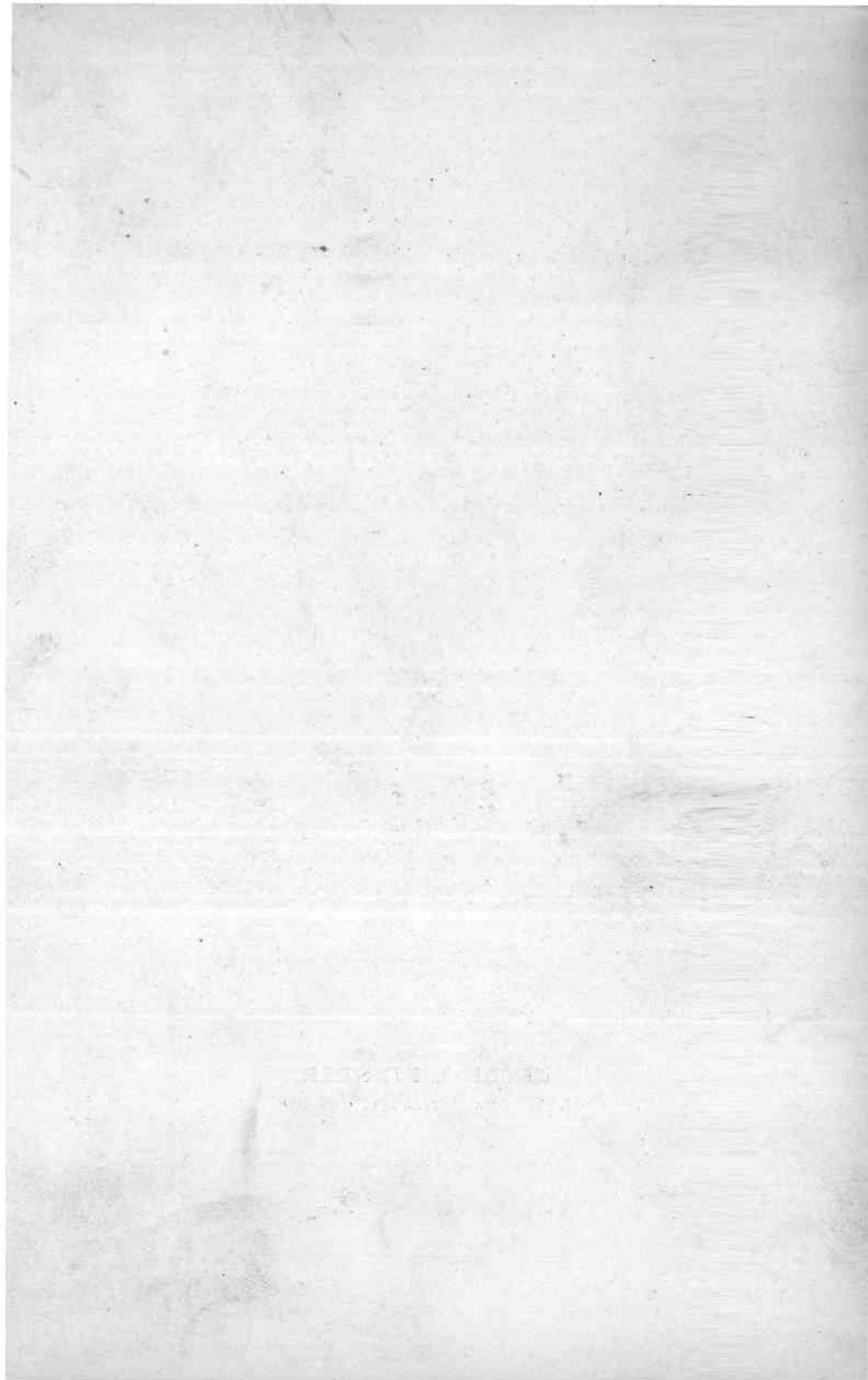
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